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Colds, strep, other ailments about average

Crawford County schools escape flu epidemic

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Special Writer

School administrators are happy to know that attendance at all Crawford AuSable district schools has remained at or above the 90 percent mark for the past few weeks.

News of entire school districts closing due to flu outbreaks in

northern Michigan has some people wondering if the Crawford AuSable School District will be the next to fall victim to the illness.

Attendance records kept by each school in the district show cases of colds, strep throat, flu and stomach ailments are running about average for this time of the year.

According to Supt. Kent Reynolds, there are no specific criteria formulated by the district to determine this kind of school closing. But, Reynolds explained, 75 percent of the district's students must be in attendance in order for a school day to be counted by the state.

When a flu outbreak appears evident, Reynolds said consultation with the Crawford County Health Department helps the administration determine whether closing the schools is warranted in order to stop the spread of the illness.

"We have to ask the question, 'what will we gain by closing the

schools?', because each situation is unique," said Reynolds.

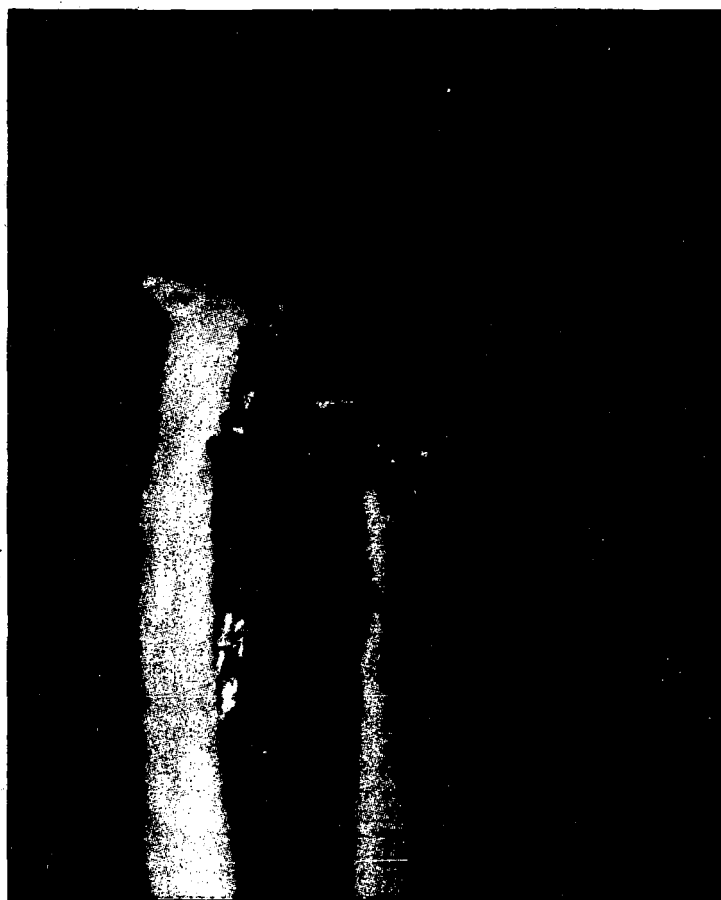
The superintendent is concerned that students would not be separated, but would socialize during the day or days off, therefore defeating the purpose of a school closing.

In the 16 years that Reynolds has been Crawford AuSable superinten-

dent, there has not been occasion to close district schools due to outbreak of the flu or any other illness.

For now, the Crawford AuSable district seems to have escaped any widespread flu outbreak.

School officials and parents have their fingers crossed that the situation remains that way.



GRAYLING JUNIOR MISS -- Proud 1998 winner of the title Grayling Junior Miss is Jessica Becks. Even prouder is her dad, Robert Becks, sharing her crowning moment. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.



EIFFEL IN ICE -- Roscoe Clark and his assistant, Josh Miller, masterful ice carvers, delighted Winter Wolf Festival goers with their rendition of the famous Eiffel Tower in ice. Photo by Cheryl Ruley.

Grayling Weekend is one to remember

Things were hopping in Grayling during this past weekend.

The 73rd annual Winter Wolf Festival at Hanson Hills featured a full agenda of racing, eating, skiing, snow shoeing, sleigh rides, festivities, prizes, displays, winter activities and fun in general.

Festival planners could have wished for a bit more snow, but there was plenty enough to assure another outstanding Winter Wolf Festival.

Pictures and a complete roundup appear on Page B-1.

Meanwhile, Saturday evening at the Grayling

High School auditorium, Jessica Becks was crowned as 1998 Grayling Junior Miss, rounding out several weeks of activity for a dozen of Grayling's finest and most talented young women.

Full coverage of the Queen's Pageant, including pictures, also appear on Page B-1.

School bond election slated for June 8 vote

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

At a well-attended public hearing Monday night (Feb. 9), a decision was reached by the Crawford AuSable Board of Education on the size and time for the bond issue election for high school renovation and expansion.

Electors will vote June 8 on a bond issue expected to approach \$14 million over 20 years. This will cost the average homeowner in Crawford County \$1 a week, school officials point out.

The date set for the bond issue election corresponds with the annual school board election, when three positions on the board will expire. Brian Banda and Gary Pettyjohn each hold four-year terms which will expire.

Jack Pilon, newly appointed at the Feb. 9 meeting to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Linda Franklin, also will be up for election for a full term.

The new board member is a forestry management analyst with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Pilon and his wife, Ruth, live in Grayling and have three children in Crawford AuSable schools, and one attending Northern Michigan University.

Positive questions were posed to the board with regard to the months of work done on the plan to renovate and expand the high school. The board has been meeting with GMB Architects and Engineers, principle designers for the Middle School, and with E & V Construction, primary contractor for the Frederic School.

The scope of the renovation and expansion has been based upon meeting many critical and state mandated needs. The focus has

been to update the roof, the heating and ventilating system, and to address the inadequacies of a building built in 25 years ago for 450-500 students.

There are currently 650 students in the system, but the classes entering in the future are expected to be considerably larger. And, with the advent of women's athletics also coming into the overall equation — there were no girls teams in 1971 when the building was designed — the state now mandates male and female teams be treated equally.

The price tag of \$14 million will accomplish the renovation of 35,000 square feet for existing classroom space, including equipment and furnishings. It will also expand the building by nearly 60,000 square feet of new space, including additional classrooms and meeting the Michigan State Athletic Association's regulation size for the current gymnasium.

In addition to the renovation and expansion, the auditorium will be enlarged to accommodate another 250 seats, and a new cafeteria will be built, to replace present cafeteria space to be converted to additional classrooms. The building will also be outfitted with a new roof and all new mechanical equipment such as the heating and ventilation system.

Architect Harm Perdock of GMB Architects and Engineers said the current physical plant is "a good core facility," and that "we're enhancing that facility and not changing any more of it than absolutely necessary."

He said in summary "we're meeting your overall needs without much infrastructure change. We're creating more natural light sources, enlarging classroom, and strengthening your academic core and giving the building better circulation."

Grayling Township ponders taking on Charter status

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Special Writer

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees is looking over Public Act 359 and considering incorporation as a charter township.

The act, passed in 1947 by Michigan legislators, grants larger townships broader authority to meet the service demands caused by rapid growth, after World War II, in suburban areas.

Grayling Township is a general law township, therefore its territory is subject to possible annexation by the City of Grayling.

To some degree, all townships face the potential of having some of its land transferred to the control of an adjacent city. But, for charter townships that meet all seven statu-

tory criteria, annexation can only be initiated by the township residents themselves. An adjacent city cannot initiate an annexation, except under very unusual circumstances.

To protect a charter township against an annexation attempt by a city, it must meet the following criteria:

- * Must have a population of 5,000 or more.
- * Must have a state equalized valuation of at least 25 million dollars.
- * Must have adopted a Master Plan or zoning ordinance.
- * Must provide police protection services.
- * Must provide fire protection services.
- * Must provide water or sewer services.

* Must provide solid waste disposal.

The administrative structure of a charter township differs from that of a general township in that the supervisor has more authority over day-to-day operations, rather than the board of trustees.

A charter township board must have four non-officer trustees instead of two. These two additional trustees currently elected in Grayling Township, are optional only for larger townships.

A charter township board exercises all the powers that are still retained by the electorate at the annual meeting in a general law township.

The Charter Township Act permits the township to levy up to a five-mill property tax levy without voter approval, but a 1978 amendment to the Michigan Constitution prohibits a tax increase without voter approval.

If a township becomes a charter township by a resolution of the board of trustees, the voters have not had the opportunity to approve the five-mill tax authorization. Therefore, no additional millage may be levied without subsequent voter approval.

On the other hand, a public referendum on becoming a charter township is understood as voter approval to levy the full millage authorized in the Charter Township Act.

Regardless of the charter decision method, the board may seek voter approval of any additional millage or may continue to operate at the

same millage rate it levied as a charter township.

Township millage now is established by the county tax allocation system. Grayling Township tax payers now pay .9228 mills for operations.

The only other remaining differences between a general law and a charter township are minor. They concern the township's fiscal year, ordinance adoption procedures, title of a chief administrative officer, a timetable to adopt a budget and authority over signs posted on state trunklines.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright explained, "The reason for our investigation in the Charter Act is to find out if there are more benefits for the local people."

Grayling Township has met or surpassed the population and state equalized value criteria. The township's Master Plan was adopted in 1997.

Fire protection is provided by a contract with the City of Grayling. Police protection is provided by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, but no intergovernmental contract exists.

The township is included in Crawford County's solid waste plan. The only criteria in question is the development of a municipal water and sewage plant, that may or may not be necessary for incorporation.

Wright commented, "Our goal is to provide the most service in the most economically feasible way we can. The goal is not to raise taxes."

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Snowmobiler rolls machine three times, sent to hospital

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Staff Writer

The Sheriff's Snowmobile Rescue Squad responded to a 911 emergency call at about 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 7, concerning an injured snowmobiler on a trail west of Stephan Bridge Road, about two miles south of County Road 612.

James A. Blyth, 43, of Linden, was riding with a group of 24 snowmobilers when he struck a deep mogul in the trail, causing the machine to roll three times. Blyth suffered a compound fracture of the elbow in the accident.

Blyth received on-scene medical treatment by Northflight EMS personnel and was transported on the rescue sled by Snowmobile Patrol Officer Dave Krug to a waiting ambulance. Blyth was then transported to Grayling Mercy Hospital by ambulance.

A full investigation of the accident is being completed by Sheriff's Snowmobile Patrol Deputies.

Officer Krug stated that conditions on the trails made it apparent that a lot of snowmobilers were using the area. The well-worn state of the trail may have also contributed to the accident.

**Special Valentine
Greetings in the Classifieds**

OPINIONS

EDITOR



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

What hath Roper and Gallup wrought?

I hate polls.
More precisely, I hate public figures who refuse to take a position or make a move on anything until they take a poll and then tailor their actions accordingly.
But I just plain hate polls, too.
Those biases are admitted right up front and any readers who stick with this essay anyway should take them into account.
Early public opinion polling received a shock and a setback in 1936 when a Literary Digest poll predicted Alf Landon would defeat Franklin D. Roosevelt for President. FDR carried every state but Maine and Vermont, and opinion polling for many years went into hiding.
Elmo Roper and Dr. George Gallup kept plugging away and became patriarchs of public opinion polling.
But what have they wrought?
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POLLING HAS become an integral part of political campaigning and vital in the conduct of public office.
Pollsters poll everything.
This combination seemed evident in the latest White House problems. When the Monica Lewinsky story

first broke, the White House was virtually silent for a day or so, then came out stonewalling and blasting at the same time.
Between the time the story broke and the White House revved up its defense, polling had indicated people were satisfied with President Clinton's conduct of office. That seems to have set the tone for what the Clinton team has done since.
Polling can become a bit insane. One overnight poll reported that more people backed Mr. Clinton in the Lewinsky situation the morning after the State of Union Message than had supported him the day before.
Huh? What's the connection? None as far as I could tell.
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CONTINUOUS POLLS show that people remain satisfied with the way the President's running the store.
According to the poll results, the Clinton team is doing the right thing in its Lewinsky defense.
But is Mr. Clinton motivated only by what's right, or by what won't hurt him in the polls?
This safe-harbor tendency is not limited to Mr. Clinton. Many pub-

lic figures are slaves to polls. Do they do the things they do, purpose the bills or actions they propose, because they believe what they're doing is right, or because it's popular.
Candidates seeking office are worse. They poll voters to see what they want, and then match their campaigns to the results. They must be with the people, they reason, in order to win.
But if political candidates only mirror public opinion, what difference does it make who wins?
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THE NEWSPAPER business in many cases falls into the same trap. Newspapers poll their readers regularly. Many conduct focus groups — a device that's worth an essay all by itself — and live or die by their results.
Newspapers are always trying to find out what readers want.
That's fine, as far as it goes. A newspaper must have readers to carry out its role.
But newspapers — like public officials — have more serious obligations than merely to be popular. Both must not only reflect public

opinion, but in addition must lead public opinion. Both may not have the luxury of leading people where they already want to go, but down some tougher yet necessary pathways.
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ELECTRONIC MEDIA generally are held captive more tightly by public opinions. Programming, including so-called news shows, is virtually dictated by ratings, which is the electronic version of polling.
Give the public what it wants — that's true. But frequently the public should have things it doesn't necessarily want.
Pizza and television may be pleasant and popular, but we also need broccoli and books, too. We can survive without them, but we won't be as strong or as resourceful or as informed.
Polls don't show the need for books and broccoli. That's why I hate polls.
* * *
Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Victim of Snowmobile trail accident warns other riders

To the editor:
My name is Kristen K. Rempe. I am the one that was in your very accurate article about lonely trail snowmobile accident.
I would like to express my appreciation to everybody who came to my rescue. First, to Mike Shearer and his buddies, Deputy David V. Krug, the EMS guys, Greg and Joe, who also drove me all the way to Pontiac and gave us alot of comfort and support. And to the hospital staff for not cutting off my snowmobile suit.
My husband and I are not young riders, we are experienced and very careful. That is why we were on the unmarked trails. They day before

we were both almost hit coming around a curve. There are three hundred thousand registered snowmobiles in the state of Michigan, why would you think that somebody might be on the trail the same time you are and coming around the same curve? You don't need to be a rocket scientist to figure that out.
There was no alcohol or high speed involved, so this can even happen to the safest of riders. You can't be too careful.
I've got about three to four months recovery time but plan to be back on the trails next season.
God Bless and ride sober and safe.
Kristen K. Rempe

Recreational licensing may fatten DNR funding

State Rep. Tom Alley's projected legislation to require all recreational vehicle drivers to be licensed, shouldn't have come a great surprise to any resident of Michigan.
Rep. Alley's licensing requirement would include operators of snowmobiles, boats, personal watercraft, dirt bikes, etc. and would be yet another step by the state in restricting or attempting to control most every imaginable activity of its residents.
Alley states unrealistically that the intent of his legislation is to deter reckless and drunken driving.
It should also not surprise any Michigan resident that a supportive statement with regard to Tom Alley's projected legislation would be forthcoming from the Michigan D.N.R.

Michigan D.N.R. Captain Curt Bacon (Marquette's law division) in "The Daily Mining Gazette" issue of 1/14/98 stated: "Quite frankly, that's probably the best approach to make people get the training. Providing it for them would be a challenge, but a worthwhile endeavor. We're probably due (for licensing), because these are motor vehicles."
Bacon further points out that Michigan residents presently own nearly one million boats and that about 350,000 snowmobilers use the Michigan trails system. Add to that the numerous trail bikes, A.T.V.s, etc. then calculate as to what a financial windfall a five dollar licensing fee per motorized unit would provide an already flushed (1997 horrendous fee increases) yet continuously glutinous state D.N.R., think also of how many more D.N.R. law enforcement officers (all driving \$30,000 vehicles and pulling \$15,000 especially equipped snowmobiles, A.T.V.s, etc.) Tom Alley's legislation would put out into the bush.

Coming from a law enforcement officer family (seven in Illinois, Arizona and California) I can assure all interested parties that I believe in honest, effective and realistic law enforcement. However, the overkill that is being promoted today (primarily due to federal grants) requires a very critical close second look as well as a more common sense approach to the problems.
During an election year those politicians up for reelection should be restricted from sponsoring or co-sponsoring legislation for a period of ten months prior to the election. Such a policy would drastically decrease legislator grandstanding as well as restrict superfluous legislation from being proposed as well as enacted.
Few residents of Michigan (particularly the U.P.) will disagree with the statement that Michigan has become one of, if not the most restrictive as well as oppressive States in our Country with regard to resident individual rights.
Whereas it would appear at first glance, that the restrictive and oppressive legislation that is being proposed and in more cases than not enacted is a partisan effort, one must accept the fact that it takes two to tango.
Present Michigan gubernatorial policy as well as indicated future direction makes it difficult for one to accept the fact that our state is being governed by one of our country's most conservative governors.
Present as well as future state politicians might be wise to propose more individual rights legislation (as well as to expound that view) rather than be quick to embrace pittance tax relief proposals as the means of gaining and holding office.
Richard A. McLoughlin
Jacobsville

St. Valentine - Legend for Lovers

by Shirley Schmoock, Special Writer

The trouble with legends is that the story tellers of those legends are all long gone.
The story of St. Valentine — patron saint of lovers — is an example of mixed information and confusing conjecture. He could have been any one of three Valentines. Or, would that be Valintini?
At any rate, the Valintinus most likely responsible for Valentine's Day was said to have been a priest and physician during the height of the Roman Empire — AD 270. The mighty Romans, of course, always needed men for their armies back then, and they also needed men to perform as gladiators while they were persecuting the Christians and feeding them to the lions.
Valintinus began to marry the soldiers in secret and got himself in the cross-hairs of Claudius II, who had forbidden marriage, especially among the poorer men. Claudius thought that married soldiers made wretched soldiers and gladiators because they never wanted to leave their families or their lives on the end of a sharp stick.
Valintinus was ultimately tossed into jail for marrying these men, and it has been rumored ever after, that while he was in jail, he cured the jailer's daughter of blindness and fell in love with her. His final farewell message to the girl the night before his execution was said to be lines of love "from your Valentine."
How this young woman, who was the object of Valintinus' love, felt about him is left up in the air. Legends can be like that. But nonetheless, on February 24, 270, "her Valentine" was clubbed, stoned and then beheaded. Quite an odd foundation for lover's day, even in legendary terms.
Valentine's Day in Japan makes much more sense. If a woman has a special feeling for a man, she presents him with hand-made chocolates.
Unfortunately, this holiday is followed by White Day on March 14th. That is the day the Japanese men return a present to the chocolate givers. What she gets depends upon his feelings for her.
Oh my, please be nice to your Valentine.



EDITOR

Efforts by Shirley Schmoock draw plaudits from reader

To the editor:
The local news articles written by Shirley Schmoock which have been appearing recently are a joy to read. Many visitors to Crawford County take our paper home. The correct punctuation and grammar reflect well on our small town. Please keep up the good work!
Linda Stephens,
Grayling

HEALTHLINE

Simple ways to add calcium to your diet

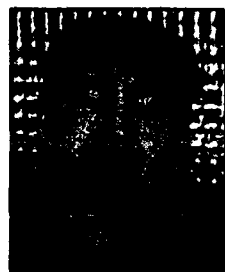
by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.,
Health Educator

Q. Although I made a New Year's Resolution to get more calcium in my diet to prevent osteoporosis, I can't seem to stick to it. I end up trying to down three or four glasses of milk every evening and I am not crazy about that. How can I add more calcium to my diet during the day?
A. It is commendable that you want to add calcium to your diet. Experts agree that we all need even more calcium than anyone thought previously—at least three to five servings each day. The United Dairy Industry of Michigan recently came out with 30 suggestions on how to add calcium to your diet other than the way you mentioned.
Here are a few of those tips: Drink a glass of milk with each of your meals instead of water or another beverage, order low fat milk at fast food restaurants instead of diet pop, sip on hot chocolate, cappuccino, or cafe late during coffee breaks instead of coffee, have milk over cereal for a snack, when eating a cookie, dunk it in milk, Snack on figs, almonds or cheese sticks, try sardines or canned salmon and cracker for lunch with a pudding cup for dessert, eat pizza, grilled cheese or macaroni and cheese for dinner, Cook tofu, broccoli & bok choy in your next stir fry, serve turnip greens or kale for an occasional vegetable, eat baked beans as a main dish for dinner, Sprinkle cheese on salads, soups, veggies, potatoes and pasta, eat plain low fat yogurt in dips, on cereal, or on baked potatoes, mix an instant breakfast powder in a glass of milk, add a scoop of frozen yogurt and serve for dessert. (Combining high calcium foods in

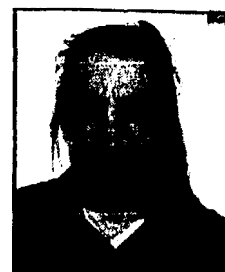
this way can give you 550+ milligrams of calcium in one serving which equals 1/3 to 1/2 of your daily requirement.)
These are just a few suggestions you can try throughout the day. With a little imagination, you may think of many other tasty ways to increase your calcium intake with very little effort.

Betty asks...

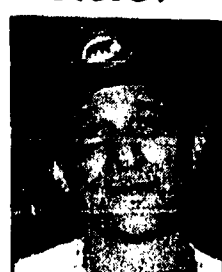
Question of the week:
What would you like to see go in the empty Ben Franklin store?



Don Brigham
Grayling, MI
"Clothing store where you can buy men's & women's clothing or a shoe store."



Suzy Jurkovich
Grayling, MI
"My husband is the director of Christian Youth Activity Center, so that would be neat if they could meet there."



Steven Stevens
Grayling, MI
"A place where you can buy real Levis."



Angie Cojocar
Angie Palmer
Grayling, MI
"I think it's a weird spot, but we'd like to see something for kids...like the Jimmy Jukebox in Gaylord."

There you have it...I would like to see something like Arnie's Crafts...with a classroom.

Betty Pearl
Advertising Representative
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This week's question was asked Friday in the Grayling area

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BRIEFS

North Central Credit Union to help

The American Cancer Society will "strike it big" with help from North Central Area Credit Union (NCACU) employees. The employees, family and friends will be raising funds for the American Cancer Society by participating in the first NCACU Bowl-A-Thon Saturday, Feb. 21 at Northway Lanes in Houghton Lake from 3 to 6 p.m. The employees have set a goal of \$1,000 and are actively soliciting pledges to meet that goal.

The week of Feb. 16-21 all NCACU offices will be selling paper bowling pins for \$1. To add to the "Strike it big for the American Cancer Society" wall.

Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon and card party, Wednesday, Feb. 18. In fellowship hall beginning at 12 noon. For more information call 348-5224.

Fitness Council to meet

The Fitness Council of Northern Michigan will meet from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Gaylord office of Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency at 95 Livingston Blvd. Any one interested in promoting fitness and "getting northern Michigan moving" is encouraged to attend. For more information call Donna Burge at (517) 732-1794.

Travelogue to 'Europe's Small Wonders'

The Crawford AuSable Community Education's fourth Travel and Adventure will be featuring 'Europe's Small Wonders' on Thursday, Feb. 12.

Tickets are \$4 adults and \$3.50 for students and senior citizens and may be purchased at the door. The doors open at 6:45 p.m. to the Joseph Stripe Auditorium and the journey begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Lions Lucky 13 Raffle winner announced

The Lions Lucky 13 raffle winner for week 5 is Joyce Kolka of Grayling. Joyce won \$300.

'Singled Out' to held at Joseph Stripe

The sophomore class will be hosting their own version of MTV's *Singled Out* in Joseph Stripe Auditorium. The GHS version of *Singled Out* will be held Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. This class fund-raiser is open to the public and admission is \$2 per person.

Bridge players wanted

Duplicate Bridge players wanted at the Alterzimmer in Gaylord. Monday nights at 7 p.m. Just show up with a partner or call Marty at (517) 939-8148.

Pensacola College honors Lowe

Benjamin Michael Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lowe of Grayling, has been named to the President's List by Dr. A.R. Horton, Founder/President of Pensacola Christian College, for academic achievement during the 1997 fall semester. This was a result of earning an A average.

Pensacola Christian College is a liberal arts college enrolling students from every state in the U.S. and over 40 foreign countries. Pensacola Christian College has an enrollment of approximately 4,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs and offers over 60 programs of study.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

RIF, Reading is Fundamental, is a program available at all three Crawford County Libraries.

By recording on a RIF slip five books read by your child or read to your child, you can then exchange that slip for a free paperback book at one of the three Crawford County Libraries.

We ask that a parent or guardian also sign the slip which signifies they have observed the readings.

RIF books are purchased with donations. Donations in the past year have been from private individuals, Grayling Kiwanis, Glen's Green Slips, Grayling Lions, Rotary Club, Grayling Eagles #3465, and the Grayling High School Alumni Association.

Cabin Fever continues at the Crawford County Libraries with coupons by McDonalds of Grayling until March 6. For more information call 348-9214.

The Crawford County Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12, Saturday, 12 to 3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215.

The Frederic Community Library is open Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Phone is 348-4067.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff's report results as follows: one burglary, two larceny, three fraud, two property damage, one liquor laws, two public peace.

One OUIL/OUID, 11 health and safety, two Conservation, one vagrant, two miscellaneous crimes, one minor, three accidents, three non-traffic accidents.

One civil traffic, three snowmobile,

one alarm, two false alarms, two inspection of vehicles, four civil/family trouble, five suspicious situations, one lost and found, one missing person, two general assistance, and 11 general non-criminal.

For a total of 68 calls made to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office for the week of Feb. 2 through Feb. 9, 1998.

The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra performs at Kirtland Feb. 14

The Fabulous Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, under the direction of trombonist Jim Miller and featuring the vocal stylings of Nancy Knorr, returns to Kirtland Community College with a special Valentine's Day tribute on Saturday, February 14 at 8 p.m. This performance is made possible through support of Sharp's Corner IGA of Higgins Lake and a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Best known for their hits *Green Eyes*, *Tangerine* and *I Understand*,

The Fabulous Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra performs all of the great songs of the Big Band Era.

Jimmy's tradition continues with Jim Miller as band leader and trombonist. Formerly of The Pied Pipers, recreates the elegance and sounds of the 1940's with her own style and vocal ease.

Ticket prices range from \$12 to \$22. For ticket information, or to make a reservation, contact the Kirtland Ticket Office at 517-275-6777.



RUMMAGE SALE -- Valentine's Day means a rummage sale at Frederic Elementary School, to be held Saturday, Feb. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Frederic Parents Group has earmarked any profits from the sale to go toward playground improvements. Donation of items for the sale can be made at the Frederic School. Helping get ready are Ashley McLeod, parent Donna Clark, Eve Clark and June Clark. Photo by Melvin Nunn.

Grayling High School thespians start working on musical show

More than 50 students are involved in Grayling High School's spring musical, *Bye, Bye, Birdie*.

The musical comedy, by Lee Adams and Charles Strouse, will be presented on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 26-28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at GHS.

Birdie is the first musical by the GHS Players since 1995's *Knight in Rusty Armor*.

The big musical requires a big staff. Andrea Binert, GHS language arts and advanced studies instructor, is the director.

Her assistants include: Mark Binert, GHS art instructor, technical director; Karen Ross, GHS and GMS vocal music instructor, vocal director; and Dennis Ormsbee and David Gott, GHS and GMS band directors, orchestra directors.

Student assistants include: Ravi Ramaswamy, student director; Lindsey Porter, student technical director; Michelle Stepp, assistant student technical director; and Allison Schoen, student choreographer.

The cast includes: Ben Mallory, Heather Stevens, Heather Ross, Anthony Renon, Sarah Carmean, Rob Lawe, Mary Bobenmoyer, Chris Kenney, Jared Armstrong, Joe Pilon, Jenny French, Dawn Adloff, Crystal Pilon, Colby Davis, Tiffany Ruark, Misty Medeiros, Heidi Niederer and Steve Moon.

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Weekly Update

Valentine's Day coming up fast now don't forget your sweetheart!! Still no snow to speak of, but at least the ice is getting good on most of the lakes now, cold nights and warm days seems to help the fishing, they seem to be getting some catches of nice perch out at Lake Margrethe and as always some nice walleyes also the northern pike fishing has been good all winter.

The bluegills may start to bite on the smaller lakes anytime now, with the spring like weather as of late!!

They featured Bob Smock Sr. on TV 9 & 10 News last Sunday night with a good interview. I hope you got to see it. Nice job, Bob!!

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FRI 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VAR & JV BBB vs. Bay City John Glenn, away, 6:15 pm. •ATTENTION SENIORS FAFSA (Financial Aid Forms) should be filed.
SAT 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VAR WRESTLING NEMA Tournament. •VAR VOLLEYBALL hosts 6th Annual Subway Invitational, home, 8:30 am. •VALENTINE INVITATIONAL @ Saginaw Nouvel HS.
SUN 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons meeting @ Commission on Aging office, 1:30 pm. •HABITAT FOR HUMANITY meeting @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 4-6 pm, with reflection, Arnold Bader. •FRESH BBB vs. Bay City John Glenn, home, 6 pm. •JV VOLLEYBALL vs. Bay City John Glenn & Tawas, home, 6 pm. •SCHOOL CLOSED for professional development.
TUES 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S Association dinner meeting @ 5:30 pm. Call Cathy @ 348-8076 for more information. •CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS meeting @ Milltown Groomers, 7 pm. For more information call 348-4117. •AuSABLE RIVER Canoe Marathon meeting @ Mini-Mall race office, 7 pm. •CPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •ADD/ADHD Parents Support Group meeting @ Grayling Middle School conference room, 7-9 pm. Call 348-7641, ext. 527/528 for more information. •VAR & JV BBB vs. Standish Sterling, home, 6:15 pm.
WED 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. •COA BOARD MEETING @ Senior Citizen Center, 308 Lawndale, 5:30 pm. •VAR WRESTLING MHSAA team district. •JV VOLLEYBALL vs. Standish Sterling, home, 6 pm. •VAR VOLLEYBALL vs Tawas & West Branch Ogemaw Heights @ Ogemaw Heights, 6 pm.

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Capital Punishment

The recent execution of Karla Faye Tucker in Texas triggered a new round of controversy over the death penalty. Because of Karla's miraculous conversion to Jesus Christ while in prison, and her vibrant testimony for Christ since, to many of us she became a special kindred spirit. Does this mean we should blame the state of Texas for not giving her "Special" treatment? Was it wrong to execute her for the double murders she admitted doing? Should rehabilitation negate capital punishment? These are questions receiving wide discussion in "Christian" circles today.

Our nation operates as a nation of law. While some people with money or power may hire special lawyers to twist justice in their favor, we still remain a nation where everyone is under law. Even though some may think Karla Faye Tucker deserved special clemency, she was fairly tried and executed according to Texas law.

Is Texas law wrong for executing convicted criminals found guilty of murder? No human being has the inherent right to kill another human being. Only our creator God has that

right. That right was used of God to form civil government. (Genesis 9:5-6) "And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will require the life of man. (6) Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." Murder is a sin against the image of God in every human. This is the basis God gave for capital punishment of capital offenses.

Capital punishment was God's way to establish human government to control violence. It operated under God's civil laws governing Israel in the Old Testament. It is repeated in the New Testament in Romans 13:3,4: "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: (4) For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth

evil." The sword was an instrument of death to execute God's wrath upon evil. The government agent was to use the sword as a "minister of God."

The great apostle Paul when appealing to Caesar insisted he should be executed if he had committed any capital offense. (Acts 25:11) "For if I be an offender, or have committed anything worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar."

Why doesn't capital punishment deter crime as God intended? (Ecclesiastes 8:11) "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." Capital punishment needs to be swift and fair to deter crime.

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

Spiritual life author to hold local retreat

Nationally-recognized author and retreat leader Sr. Joyce Rupp, OSM, will conduct a day-long retreat Wednesday, March 18 at St. Mary's Family Center in Grayling. The event is being co-sponsored by Mercy Health Services North and St. Mary's Health Ministry.

Sister Joyce is a Des Moines, Iowa nun with an international reputation as a retreat leader, conference speaker and widely-read author of spirituality books. Her books have touched the souls of thousands.

Focus of the retreat is Rupp's latest book, "The Cup of Our Life: A Guide for Spiritual Growth." Each participant is asked to bring a favorite cup and a journal or notebook.

"Anyone thirsting for a more intimate and disciplined life of prayer will find a rich wellspring during

the retreat," said Sr. Rosemary Mulcahy OSM, Chaplain at Grayling Mercy Hospital. "Joyce will share how the ordinary cups that we use each day can become sacred vessels that connect us with life and draw us ever closer to God. She explores how the cup is a rich symbol of life, with its emptiness and fullness, its brokenness and flaws, and all of its blessings."

Sister Rosemary, a member of the Servites (Servants of Mary) religious community, was instrumental in arranging for Sister Joyce to lead the retreat. Also a member of the Servites, Rupp describes herself as a spiritual midwife. Her ministry includes writing, retreats, national and international conferences. She holds degrees in English, Religious Education and Transpersonal Psychology, and has led retreats throughout North America, as well as in Europe, Asia and Africa.

Retreat participants will explore the story of their lives as told in a cup. This creative guide for individual and group prayer offers six weekly themes based on different images of the cup. The open cup,

the chipped cup, the broken cup, the blessing cup... each in turn becomes a teacher in prayer. The author will consider empty cups, stained cups, chipped cups... as simple images offering many opportunities for reflection on the human journey with its process of opening, emptying, breaking, receiving and filling. The cup, which alternately fills and empties, is symbolic of the human spirit in its pattern of growth and its process of transformation.

The day will include conferences with Joyce Rupp, simmering times of quiet, ritual, storytelling, and other creative processes for nourishing the soul.

A limited supply of books by Joyce Rupp, including "The Cup of Our Life," will be on sale during the retreat. They include "Fresh Bread," "Praying Our Goodbyes," "The Star in My Heart," "May I Have This Dance?," "Little Pieces of Light" and "Dear Heart, Come Home."

Pre-registration is required by calling Mercy Healthline at 1-800-33-MERCY. Conference fee of \$25 includes the day-long retreat and lunch.

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"Be My Valentine"

We see these words in many places this time of year. Children scribble them on construction paper, young adults search the drugstore for them on just the "right" card, and special boxes of candy say "Be My Valentine." It is easy to forget what the words really mean and what this day represents. Valentine's Day is magic. It is the emotion of love expressing itself in words and actions. It is a happening, pulling together the frayed edges of our fast-track existence, making it easier to say the deep things of the heart. Valentine's Day could become more than a day, more than a one-shot expression of love. It could become a way of life in which all our days become acts of love expressed in actions of kindness. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

St. Valentine's Day could make SAINTS of us, that is if we allow "Be My Valentine" to become a daily event.

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Sunday Psalm 5
Monday Luke 6:20-49
Tuesday Colossians 1:1-23
Wednesday Colossians 1:24-2:23
Thursday Colossians 3:1-17
Friday Romans 8:31-39
Saturday 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 pm

Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
(temporarily held at AuSable Primary)
Sunday Worship 10 am
Sunday School 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off
M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp
entrance).
Church Service 9:30 am
Sabbath School 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues. 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
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Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)
Bible School 9:15 am
Adult Bible Study 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Patricia Fowler
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.
P.O. Box 1188
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nally, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist

Saturday Vigil 5 pm
Sunday Mass 8 am
Family Mass 10:30 am
Sunday Family Bible Study/Prayer 9:30 am
Daily Masses
Wednesday & 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday 8:30 am
Daily Worship
Sacrament of Reconciliation, one hour prior to Saturday Vigil Mass, or by appt.

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Calvary Baptist church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Larry Turner, Minister
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-4388
Sunday Classes 10:30 am
Sunday Worship 11:15 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
Wednesday

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 am
Sunday Service 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
Pastor Dohn E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday School 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist church
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Pastor Terry Colby
Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
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(616) 258-3448
Sunday School 10 am
Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday 7 pm

Lovelis Chapel
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey
Sunday School 10 am
Chapel Service 11 am
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd. (M-72 W.) • 348-5362
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran--Missouri Synod
Rev. Paul Boerger, Pastor
905 N. I-75 Bus. Lp. • 348-5921 • 348-6504
Sunday School & Bible Study 9 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Tuesday Weekday School 5 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 9 am
Thursday Women's Bible Study 9 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Rev. Robert Henley
M-72 West - Office 348-5850
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am
Morning Praise 10:30 am
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Adult Sunday School 9:30 am
Children's Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday nursery provided 10:30 am
Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday) 6:45 pm

St. Martins Ev. Lutheran (Wels)
Herbert R. Filter - Pastor
For information call 275-5443
Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday mornings at 9 am, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI.

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

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City Council pledges full support to community drug task force effort

by Staff Writer

Two Grayling eighth graders and an adult facilitator, concerned about drugs in Crawford AuSable schools, appeared before the Grayling City Council Monday evening (Feb. 9) and the city pledged to sign up in the crusade.

Tasheena Joseph and Jenna Bugyi told the council of their concerns about drug usage and substance abuse among students, and outlined some of the ideas the Community Drug Task Force has been working on.

Tasheena said "I have grown up with the behavior and attitudes" reflected in recent surveys indicating above-average instances of drug and substance abuses among

Grayling students.

She said she was "quite concerned about my friends."

Tasheena said after-school student activities that amount to "more than just sports" are needed to give students alternate things to occupy their times.

She said students are obtaining harmful substances "from their peers, older siblings, guardians, and like that."

Tasheena told of plans for a mentoring program, where adults work with young folks who are interested in a particular activity in which the adult has experience or expertise.

Students also should be involved in community service, such as working at the animal shelter, or volun-

teering at the hospital, or in similar activities, she said.

Jenna echoed these concerns, citing the need for more after-school activities for students "rather than turning to the streets."

Jenna quoted Hillary Clinton that "it takes a village to raise a child," and said she agreed with it.

Cindy Strong, facilitator for the Community Drug Task Force, said the group wants and needs a representative of the city to become involved, and urged someone from the city to attend the next Task Force meeting on Monday (Feb. 16) at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Elementary School.

"I'd like to help," said Mayor Ralph Stevens. "I think it's great."

Stevens cited the busy Monday schedules of Council members — the City Council meets on two Mondays each month — but he promised:

"I'll be there, or I'll find someone who will."

The two eighth graders and Ms. Strong are on a veritable circuit, selling their message of community involvement to fight drug and alcohol abuse among Crawford County's young population.

Earlier Monday, they met with Sheriff David Lovely and his department, and also are meeting with several township boards, urging participation in the battle against substance abuse.

County Planning Commission adds two new members, names Mahank as Chairman again

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Two new members have been added to the Crawford County Planning Commission for 1998 — Wallace Kidwell and Theodore Gomez. Officers for 1998 were also elected.

Wallace Kidwell of South Branch Township was selected by the Board of Commissioners in September to serve until Dec. 29, 2000.

Theodore Gomez of Frederic was selected by the Board in January and will serve until Dec. 29, 2000, as well.

Theodore Gomez is a Frederic resident formerly of Sewell, N. J. and a graduate of Rutgers with a degree in political science. He is a licensed electrician and is the plant electrician for Glass Alternatives Corp. of Petoskey. The company makes injection moldings and has its own co-generation system to power the plant.

Gomez owned his own electrical contracting business in New Jersey and is married to the former Brenda Gabriel of Frederic. The couple have two children — Teddy age 9 and Amanda age 12. The family also used to produce a weekly radio program, featuring blue grass and gospel music for both adults and children.

Gomez said he felt his contribution to the Planning Commission would be useful due to his extensive experience in the building field. He has served as an officer in the electrical union, as well as on executive committees and boards relating to his former employment as an electrical contractor.

"I've seen the construction business from both sides," he said. "We experienced many of the same development problems and growing pains back in New Jersey," he added, when speaking of small towns meeting the 21st century. "Rehabilitating old buildings is very difficult, especially with the new codes and ordinances."

Gomez will also be serving on the Construction Board of Appeals for the county.

Wallace Kidwell is the second board appointment made to fill a vacancy in late 1997 and to begin his own term for 1998. He is 67 and lives with his wife, Mary, in their newly-constructed home in South Branch Township.

"I've been in construction and building supplies all of my life," he said. He was employed by Boice Building Supply in Pontiac for 40 years prior to retiring. "I believe my past working experience will be useful in guiding my decisions while on the Planning Commission."

He's hunted and fished in the area for "longer than that (40 years), but we've always liked the area so well, we knew we'd retire here. We also had friends here, and even though all of our children live in the Waterford area, they want to retire here one day, too."

Kidwell said he wants to see the Planning Commission "complete work on a County Master Plan for the future. I became involved because I'm concerned about our future growth and our potential for improvement, especially in Grayling."

Kidwell and wife Mary "don't have a garden or any flowers

because of all the deer." But Wallace hunts and fishes when he can "but I'm still quite busy getting the kinks out of the house and garage."

Jack Mahank of Grayling Township was re-elected as Chair of

the Planning Commission for another year. Phil Dennett will serve as Vice-chair and Bill Coy of Maple Forest Township will remain as Secretary of the Planning Commission for 1998.



NEW PLANNERS -- Recent additions to the Crawford County Planning Commission are Wallace Kidwell (left) and Theodore Gomez (center), shown with Jack Mahank, who has been re-elected chairman of the commission. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period of Feb. 11 through Feb. 18, 1998.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road).

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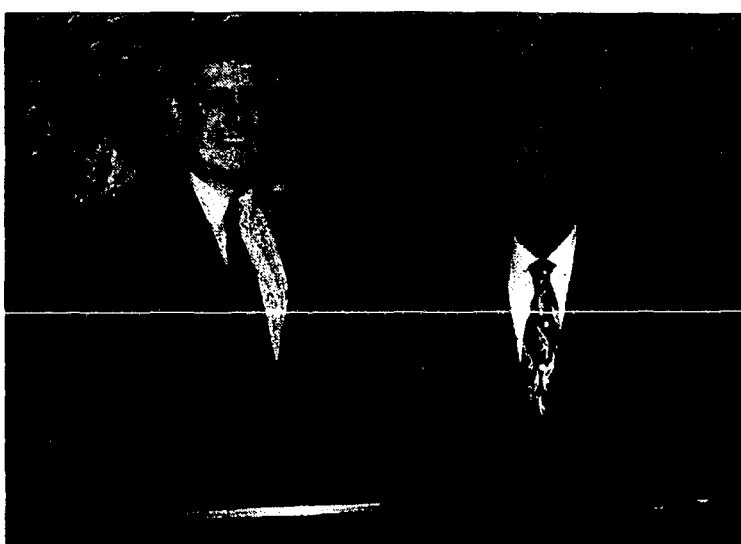
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ROAD TALK — State Rep. Allen Lowe of Grayling (left) got together recently with Brian Ness, state highway official, to discuss the emerging Michigan Department of Transportation organization plans for northern Michigan.

MDOT to serve northern areas

A Michigan Department of Transportation reorganization plan is designed to provide better service to northern Michigan residents, state Rep. Allen Lowe said today.

Lowe (R-Grayling) recently discussed the new system with Brian Ness, MDOT's North Region engineer.

"I am pleased that M-DOT has established this presence in northern Michigan," Lowe said. "Maintaining and repairing our roads, highways and bridges remains a top priority. A stable infrastructure is crucial to this region's

economic future." Transportation service centers in Grayling, Alpena, Cadillac and Traverse City assist residents from every corner of the 105th House District, which Lowe represents.

Based in Grayling, Ness oversees and directs a staff serving 24 counties.

"MDOT looks forward to continuing its service to the citizens of the north region," Ness said. "Our organizational structure has changed to provide our services more effectively and efficiently."

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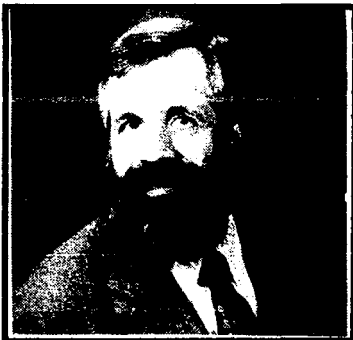
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Citizen's Bank Winter Wolf obstacle course; fun for all

The Citizen's Bank race clinic changed gears this week as they hosted the Hanson Hills Winter Wolf obstacle course races. The course consisted of some odd turns, over/under gates, a bicycle horn, and an inner tube ride to the finish. All the race participants seemed to enjoy the change of pace. Race Director John Alef said, "The sun came out and the temperatures were perfect for some good old outdoor fun."

Gracie Calkins was the top skier for the pre-school and kindergarten girls. Michael Olson took first for the boys. In the first and second grade girls, Rachel Doremire placed first, Gabby Calkins second, Avery Diola third (on her eighth birthday), and Kristi Calkins fourth. Spencer Dean was the undisputed racer for the boys.

Jill Seager placed first for the third and fourth grade girls. Zach Dean held off the competition for the boys, Kody Diola followed him with second, Andrew Hart third, and Scot Olson fourth.

The fifth and sixth grade group posted a good turn out, Allyson Diola finished first, Nicole Doremire second, Mallory Olson third, and Beth Lucey fourth. Joey Highlen finished first for

the boys, Eric Olson second, Matt Seager third, Paul Montagne fourth, Joe Zelek fifth, Ben Lucey sixth, and Ryan Mech seventh.

Andrea Alvarez continued to hold the top spot for the seventh and eighth grade girls. Nicole Mech finished second. Damian Fleischmann led the boys, Keil Clough was second, and Ben McNally third.

Ryan Stahl led the ninth and 10th grade boys, Matt Ginther second, Cameron McClain third, Jim Eddy fourth, and Geoff Montagne fifth.

Katie Olson topped the 11th and 12th grade girls. Mason Palmer led the boys.

We had some older skiers this week, in the "Young at Heart" group, Julie Calkins took first, Vickie Hart second, and Julie Doremire third. For the men, Thane Doremire led the way, Greg Calkins second, Paul Olson third, Steve Seager fourth and Eric Swander fifth.

In the "Touch of Gray" group, Brenda Vaughn took first, Mary Neal second, and Cheryl Lucey third. Jim Montagne was the uncontested champion for the old guys.

The race clinic will get back to its regular format next Sunday.

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HONORS

Ferris Academic Honors List for fall 1997

Ferris State University's fall semester academic honors list includes 1,257 students. To be eligible, a Ferris student must have compiled a 3.5 grade point average in at least 12 semester hour of work. The list includes 190 students who earned a 4.0 grade point average, or all A grades.

Among the honored students were: Amy M. Furst, Sarah E. Furst, Peter J. Oppermann, all from Grayling and Bret A. Reichard from Roscommon.

MSU lists honor students for fall

A total of 5,300 Michigan State University students earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for fall semester 1997. Students who achieved this honor from the Grayling area were: Bridget Black, Jessica Brown, Christopher Humes, Brad Larm, Mande Suzanne Micek, and Sarah Elizabeth Woodland.

Dean's list named at Anderson

Anderson University has announced its dean's list for the first semester of the 1997-1998 school year.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0.

A local student was named to the dean's list, Matthew Riedner, Grayling. Anderson University is a four-year liberal arts institution of approximately 2,200 undergraduate and graduate students. Established in 1917 by the Church of God, the university offers more than 60 undergraduate majors in art, science and professional studies as well as gradates programs in theology, business, and education.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Seaman Recruit Michael P. Hettinger, son of Michael P. Hettinger Sr. of Grayling, recently graduated from the Electronic Warfare Technician Basic Operations Course at the Naval Technical Training Center, Corry Station, Pensacola, Fla.

During the course, Hettinger received training concerning the performance and characteristics of electronic systems used to detect, analyze and identify electronic emissions. Hettinger also learned the procedures needed to energize, initialize, operate, intercept and de-

energize these systems.

As a graduate of the Electronics Warfare Technician Basic Operations Course, Hettinger demonstrates his tremendous ability to excel while serving in the military. Whether assigned to ship, squadrons or shore commands around the world, men and women like Hettinger are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

The 1977 graduate of Kinston High School of Kinston, Ala., joined the Navy in June 1997.

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Jason Kessler an Eagle

by Marie Scott
VFW Auxiliary

Do you have any idea what percentage of Boy Scouts become Eagle Scouts? Two percent, that is two scouts out of every 100 scouts.

On Jan. 31, 1998, Jason Michael Kessler became one of the two percent.

From now on Jason is a marked man. When people find that he is an Eagle Scout, they will expect a little more from him. He has now been branded as something special, an honest man; a loyal ally; a person with uncommon perseverance; but most of all a leader. And of course, with being a leader comes responsibility.

Jason was charged to accept this responsibility with gusto. Set an example for all who meet him. An example of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship and reverence for God; no matter what others around him are doing.

John L. Kessler, uncle of Jason and also an Eagle Scout, administered the Eagle Scout Oath.

His uncle told Jason, "As you become an Eagle Scout remember that you no longer represent only yourself, but all of your Eagle Scouts. It's a brotherhood of outstanding men. Everything you do from now on reflects not only on you, but on all of us. We are expecting you to hold your end of the stick. You are one of us now! I now take great pleasure in presenting to you your Eagle Scout neckerchief."

Daryl Morris presented the Eagle Badge to Jason and his father, Michael

Kessler presented him with his bronze Eagle Palm. Jason presented mother, Bridget with the Mother's Eagle Scout Pin and his father with the Eagle Scout Tietack. Marie Scott, President of Carl W. Borchers Auxiliary 3736 presented the Veterans of Foreign Wars certificate of achievement.

Among the various congratulations Jason received were from the President, Bill Clinton and Mrs. Clinton; Fred Upton, Congressman for the 6th District of Michigan; Glen Oxender, State Rep. for the 59th District; James M. Scott, President of the LaSalle Council #165 of Boy Scouts of America; Frank G. Freeman, LaSalle Council #165 Advancement Chairman; Edward T. Smietana, LaSalle Council #165 Scout Executive; John W. Creighton, Junior President of the National Office of Boy Scouts of America; Jere B. Ratcliffe, Chief Scout Executive of the National Office of Boys Scouts of America; the Apple Festival Board of



NEW EAGLE -- Jason Kessler recently attained Eagle Scout rank, receiving the honor from his father and Scoutmaster of Troop 579, Michael Kessler (right). At left is assistant Scoutmaster Daryl Morris.

Niles; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Carl W. Borchers Post and Auxiliary 3736; his family and friends.

Jason is the oldest son of Michael

and Bridget Kessler of Niles; grandson of Robert and Marie Scott of Grayling, and John and Donna Kessler of Flushing.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: Don't believe everything you hear, and only half of what you see. If enough data is collected, anything can be proven by statistical methods!

Happenings at the Center and announcements of things to come: Pantry Bingo every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m.; Birthday Luncheon on the 11th; and White Elephant Auction at 5:30; BPs taken 11 - noon on the 12th. Special RSVP Spaghetti Supper on Friday Feb. 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Senior Center dining room. Come one, come all!!! Pancake Brunch on the 15th from 10 to 1. On the 17th there will be a speaker on "Skin Cancer"; COA Board meeting on the

18th; Casino trip on the 19th; Legal help on the 20th and Sunday Potluck on the 22nd at 2 p.m. - bring a dish to pass and your own tableware. Dance with Tina on the 24th at 12:30; Foot Clinic, by appointment on the 25th; BP's taken on the 26th from 11 to noon; and Share pick-up from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Latter Day Saints Church on N. Down River Rd.

Congregate meals are served at noon and 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and at noon only on Friday. Fruit and vegetable salad bar on Tuesday; Soup served on Monday and Wednesday and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus

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13 - Stuffed Ham Roll / no dinner
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17 - Veal Birds / Pork Cutlets
18 - Creamed Chicken & Biscuits / Ham Cordon Bleu
19 - Pork Steak / Turkey Birds
20 - Roast Chicken / no dinner
23 - Goulash / Pepper Steak
24 - Chicken Cacciatore / Meatloaf
25 - Turkey & Stuffing / Corned Beef & Cabbage
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'Sweetheart' returns from Australia

Jillian St. Germain, 15, of Grayling, recently returned from Sydney, Australia, where she spent 10 exciting days traveling and performing with the "I Love Dance Tourin Down Under" international dance ensemble.

Jill, a student at the Louise Tournaud School of Dance, was one of 24 promising young dance students chosen last summer at the International Championships and Sweetheart Pageant in Lake Tahoe, Nev. to represent the U.S.A. and their home states on a dance tour to Sydney, Australia.

Kim McKimmie, international director of "I Love Dance," who accompanied the troupe to Australia along with five other world class master teachers, describes the Sweethearts as being comprised of the finest dancers from more than the 70,000 who auditioned. She said the 24 touring members of the "Sydney Touring Sweethearts" were selected for their beauty, poise and superior dance training and technical skills in all dance forms.

Jill began her trip when she boarded a plane in Detroit on Jan. 3 for a five hour flight bound for Los Angeles

International Airport along with several other Sweethearts from the Midwest. When she arrived in Los Angeles she rehearsed for several hours before departing on a 14 hour, non-stop flight to the land of "Down Under."

She was greeted upon her arrival in Sydney with the intense heat of an Australian Summer. She then traveled to the home of Brooke Coslovich, Australian Sweetheart whom she met in Lake Tahoe, where she would spend the first four days and got acquainted with parents Frank and Carrie and sister Monique.

The next day Jill performed her lyrical solo "Ice" for the mayor of Sydney at a VIP reception held exclusively for the Sweethearts of North America. She spent the next few days rehearsing at the Hilton, going out to eat at such famous places as "City Extra", shopping, going to the beach and sightseeing which included a cruise around the harbor, a bus tour for Sweethearts only and a trip to Kaola Park.

On the last day with her host family, or "home stay" as the Australians refer to it, Jill and the other Sweethearts held a reception in their honor at the Hilton where they exchanged gifts and tearful goodbyes.

The remaining four days were spent at the Sydney Hilton Hotel where Jill shared a room with two of the other Sweethearts. She continued lengthy rehearsals, visited Planet Hollywood, shopped at the Queen Victoria Building and worked at the Sydney "I Love Dance" competition.

On her seventh day, Jill started with an early morning rehearsal and then gave a performance along with the other dancers aboard a ship in Darling Harbor. That evening was the main event when the Sweethearts performed their finale presentation "Car Tunes/ Hot Summer Nights," in the Ballroom



DOWN UNDER — Jill St. Germain, young Grayling dancer, recently returned from a fabulous dancing trip to Australia. Above, she is greeted by the Mayor of Sydney.

at the Sydney Hilton to a packed audience, with whom they spent time conversing after the show.

The following day Jill went to the Hard Rock Cafe and visited The Sydney Opera House, a remarkable modern structure rated one of the top 10 buildings in the world.

The next day Jill departed from a country she describes as one of awesome beauty. The journal she kept of her trip relates some interesting and amusing facts she would like to share.

She learned that the young children of Australia have to wear hats to school to protect them from the sun. They have no sales tax and they have different ways to express terms such as — juice boxes are called poppas, a curling iron is a wand, 7-Up and Sprite

are lemonade, bangs are fringe, sidewalks are footpaths, suspenders are braces, a phone booth is a phone box, rice krispies are rice bubbles, napkins are serviettes and the Australians have a half flush and full flush as opposed to the Americans all purpose one flush.

Jill experienced a very thrilling, educational and memorable trip, taking in the sights while making new friends each step of the way. She continues to study five days a week at the Louise Tournaud School of Dance and is currently being recruited by the Interlochen Arts Academy in Traverse City for their dance program.

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Court Consolidation report card issued; some glitches arise

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

In an Administrative Order from the Michigan Supreme Court dated May 31, 1996, the mandate was issued to Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties to: "begin a two-year demonstration project, effective Jan. 1, 1997."

That two-year period is now one half over, and a progress report was delivered by Rudi D. Edel, Trial Court Administrator, on Jan. 29 in the Crawford County Circuit Courtroom. Commissioners from all three counties came armed with a lot of questions for the court officials and judges. All was not well and there were cracks developing on the floor of the Court Consolidation Project.

The various courts included in this Administrative Order for restructuring the court system are the 46th Circuit Court (Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego), the 83rd District Court (Crawford County), the 87th District Court (Kalkaska and Otsego Counties), and the Probate Courts for Crawford, Kalkaska, and Otsego Counties.

"During the two-year term of the demonstration project," the Order continued, "these courts shall be referred to as the 46th Circuit Trial Court. The Hon. Alton T. Davis is appointed as the Chief Judge of the 46th Circuit Trial Court and he shall have all of the authorities and responsibilities of a chief judge under MCR 8.110 as to all of the participating courts."

With this restructuring, came an avalanche of change within each county's operating system. And, it was to this monumental change in the effect on county affairs by the new court rules, that the 1997 Annual Court Consolidation Report was directed.

"To consolidate the courts," Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, James H. Brickley, stated at the initiation ceremony of the project that "the Michigan Supreme Court has authorized each judge within the county to hear all cases. The new trial court will have three divisions. The divisions will handle the following matters:

Circuit Division — Felony arraignments, trial, pleas and sentencing, probation violations, personal protection orders, civil trial, injunctive relief, mediation, non-contested divorce, Friend of the Court, and appeals.

District Division — Arraignments, civil trial work above small claims, personal protection orders, preliminary examinations, felony pleas and sentencing, probation violations on felony pleas, and sentencing unique to a particular judge, will contests, foreclosures and forfeitures (summary proceedings), magistrate (tickets), and ad hoc.

County Court Division — Juvenile, adoption, guardianships, commitments, small claims, personal protection orders, temporary restraining orders, contested divorce and Friend of the Court oversight by chief judge, sentencing if a plea is taken and ad hoc assignments.

The key to any success in this pilot program — and there are six of them throughout the State of Michigan working (or not) simultaneously — is cooperation and patience. With caseloads ever increasing in all sectors of the court system — 25,100 new cases filed in 1997 in the combined system — it would be reasonable to expect that patience nor cooperation would always be on hand to ease county and court employees through the transition period.

The foremost issues brought to the table by the Commissioners of all three counties were a) when are county employees court employees, and under whose jurisdiction do they fall, b) how long can the counties support the state mandate, and where are the savings to be found with the new restructuring, and c) when is a county building a place to do county business and not exclusively a county courthouse.

Trial Court Administrator, Rudi Edel met the audience with honesty and many answers, especially regarding the savings anticipated and those currently being shared by the counties.

Some of the equipment and costs born by the Michigan Supreme Court for the counties in 1996-97

are:

An electronic bridge — \$8,545 — this bridge automatically transfers data from District to the Circuit Divisions reducing clerical input and reducing potential for data entry error.

Centralizing all data processing into one computer system — \$35,079 — this updated the AS/400 computer in Crawford County, and it also added life to the system.

Automatic upload of sheriff traffic tickets in Crawford County — \$3,500 for Crawford County and \$5,500 for Kalkaska — computer software purchase.

Hearing impaired equipment — \$400 — for courtroom usage

Automated courtrooms for data entry — \$1,500 — provides real-time information transfer to the clerk's office and probation offices Electronic E-mail systems in the court — \$12,336 — to allow judges and administrator to communicate across the county lines with other courts and court support units.

Other computer equipment, office equipment and line installations — \$21,994 — to facilitate the various aspects of the project

"Overall," said Edel, "the Michigan Supreme Court investment into this initiative in the form of equipment in our three counties is \$81,030 and an additional \$20,445 in computer software programming costs. In 1998," he added, "the Court will invest another \$60,000 in a new AS/400 Computer system for this Court."

He estimated the savings to the counties, accomplished by structural and procedural change would approximate \$98,084, as follows: Crawford — \$15,514, Kalkaska — \$67,977, and Otsego — \$14,593.

Many of the savings and anticipated savings, he continued, would be forthcoming in future years. "Kalkaska County," he said, "due to changes in the Juvenile Division have resulted in a 'net cost' reduction in the Kalkaska County Child Care Fund (over 5-months) of \$61,427."

The selling off of the law libraries in the three counties have netted considerable savings, as well. "The installation of the electronic law libraries," said Edel, "has allowed for a substantial decrease in the budgets for the libraries. Otsego saw a reduction of \$4,500, Kalkaska \$2,700, and the savings for Crawford could not be realized due to the new closing date for their county books in 1997. The reduction they will notice will come in 1998."

Perhaps one of the more intriguing aspects of Mr. Edel's presentation was a goal the Court has established for 1998 — to pay fines and traffic tickets by Visa or Master Card.

After he'd explained how many of the outstanding past due accounts were collected by the addition of a compliance officer, he said "the cost of this system will be minimal. The surcharge on collections will be 1.67 percent," and he said he believed it would be an exceptional collection tool for the counties.

"Just don't use it for collecting back taxes," cautioned Kathy Black, Crawford County Commissioner. "Maybe the courts have the option of passing on the cost of collection, but the county does not."

Edel agreed, but he was also on hand with the collection rates against fines assessed. Commissioner Dennis Long thought it "vital to have these answers."

The collection rates are Otsego 92%, Kalkaska 92%, Antrim 94%, and Crawford 85%, "but many of our accounts receivable were very old," said Edel. Many people, apparently are of the transient variety when they commit a crime here, and "they could be anywhere — Texas, Maine," said Edel.

"What cannot be measured," offered Hon. John Hunter, the new Family Court judge, "is what this project has brought to the public to give the counties the biggest bang for their buck. There's a judge in every county every day, and people no longer spend all day in court, or going from county to county getting emergency orders."

"One year ago, the Legislature passed Act 374 and gave every county the right to establish a Family Law Court. The test results

in our counties are being used statewide, and it's all based upon what we've learned here.

"The Probate Court cases, the abuse and neglect cases, those involving delinquent children and custody disputes with grandparents, and the custody matters in the former Circuit Court, all stop now in the Family Law Court. There's no more red tape for cases involving family matters."

Commissioner Robert Smock brought up the dual control of the county employees and why there was the perception that some were being treated differently. "We have employees taking off Court holidays but our county policy differs from the Court's."

Commissioners Long and Bretzke also echoed with other problems in the reorganized system not confined to personnel matters. There was the use of space in the county building "and when," asked Long, "did this county building become the courthouse?"

Usage of the three courtrooms — District, Circuit and Probate — was recently debated by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners at their last meeting. The result was that the Probate Courtroom would from that day forward become a "public meeting room, and the Probate Court could use it if the Board was not using it themselves."

Courthouse security was another issue mentioned by all counties represented, but as Chief Judge Davis noted "court security is a problem everywhere." As the case loads are increasing, it is becoming evident that so are the crowds around the courtrooms, lobbies, and hallways, especially on arraignment and motion days.

"Maybe there are some grants available to use for courthouse security," he continued, "but since this project began, we've never been given any funds to security purposes."

The need for a joint council among all of the parties arose not once but twice. When it was finally opened for discussion, Davis said that the Judiciary Council had obtained agreements with Kalkaska and with Otsego Counties to take their county employees — those actively employed by the court system — and treat them as court employees. Crawford County has never relinquished this right to co-employ, and it has caused confusion since the restructuring program began.

"I have a strong feeling about court reform," said Commissioner Long, "especially the family court — it's great for the people. But, I believe that simple problems are being cast down by the State Courts, and they really should be resolved by the local officials. Are these court employees county employees or are they state employees?"

"That's why we're experiencing problems," said Smock. "The judges have responsibilities and the county has responsibilities, but sometimes it's not so clear where yours (the judicial) stops and ours (the county's) begins. We believe our union policy supersedes your employment policies."

Edel then said "if we had a Management Council, then all of these matters could be discussed." There is a document available covering line item transfers, legal action

and procedure, the Management Council's structure, and what happens in the event no Council exists.

This Administrative Order 1997-6 has been circulated among the counties, and Kalkaska and Otsego Counties have been actively participating. It allows as members two representatives from each county and five judges — 11 members in total.

Under the Management Council portion, the procedure covers personnel, holidays, multi-county problems expected to arise with the continued pilot program, and it allows for open-end discussions regarding issues each sector might wish to discuss or resolve. Crawford County has chosen, as of now, not to participate in the creation of a Management council.

Judge Davis said "we knew trouble was coming when we didn't enter into a contract with Crawford County about the employees."

"We chose to remain as co-employers," said Commissioner Black. "MCL 124.531 said that if a county does not enter into an agreement, then each is responsible for establishing personnel policy and procedure," regarding fringes, and so forth.

"The best case scenario here," continued Davis, "is that we have follow up meetings and familiarize all Commissioners on what we're doing. We're also asking that you share your ideas and problems with us."

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, through meeting facilitator Robert Smock, said "I'll see that this issue is brought to our table at the very next opportunity." The Commissioners next meet as a Committee of the Whole on Feb. 12, 1998.

To further clarify the issue, Regional Administrator for the State Court Administrative Office, Jack C. Crandall, said "the Management Council is a very efficient system. There are four counties in the 26th District, and the members can respect each other's positions to best serve the citizens through their actions on the Council. Nothing prohibits them from making arrangements to resolve whatever they wish." He then offered to sit down with all of the parties and "develop this council and open the lines of communications."

A follow-up meeting between the court reform officials and commissioners from the three counties has been scheduled for Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. in the Crawford County Circuit Court, Grayling.

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As family business passes 100th birthday, Sorenson Funeral Home updates facility

by Shirley Schmoock
Special Writer

Established in 1892 by George Sorenson (1873-1936), the Sorenson Funeral Home was initially located in the 100 block on Main Street in Grayling where Advanced Business Machines is now found.

A brother of George's, Olaf, owned and operated a sporting goods store in the building recently occupied by Cartright and Danewell in downtown Grayling. Olaf also advertised as a "soda fountain and ice cream parlor" and handled "a complete line of cards, books, letter-writing materials and much-much more."

George Sorenson and another brother, James, were partners in Sorenson Brothers Furniture Store and George engaged in his funeral practice in conjunction with the furniture store operation.

An Avalanche advertisement at year-end circa 1906 said of them, "this store also has an undertaking service that is modern in every detail. They are completely equipped for this line of work as both James W. and George Sorenson understand their business and are well known for the courteous manners and gentle sympathy when their services are required."

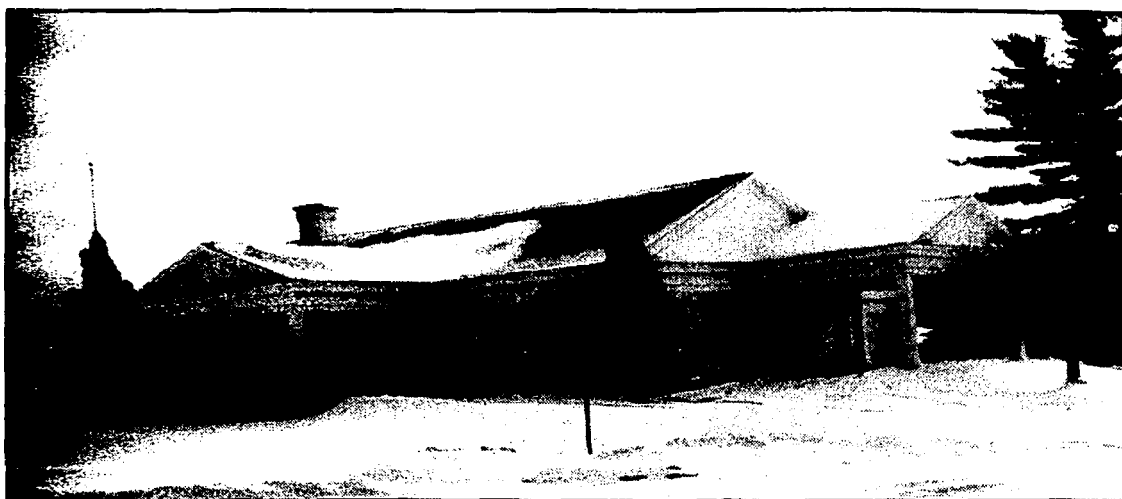
The familiar eight-sided coffin actually evolved through generations of cabinet and furniture makers. Crafting decorative coffins was as common to them as are kitchen cabinetry to the carpenters of today. Many of the early funeral homes in the country were originally operated as a natural extension of the furniture store business.

George Sorenson married Anine Johnson (1891-1964) in Grayling and the couple had four children: Thorvald became a radiologist working in Grayling and Highland Park hospitals, eventually acquiring his Ph.D.; Alfred remained as a funeral director in Grayling; Loretta married Jerome Kessler of Grayling, and Keith owned and operated a funeral home in Daggett. All four are now deceased.

Alfred J. Sorenson joined his father and older brother, Thorvald, in the family business and was called "Bud" by everyone in town. He married Doris Harnois of Saginaw and they had three daughters: Marlene (Lippard), Denise (McEvers), and Marcia (Sullivan).

After George Sorenson died in 1936, his two young sons, Thorvald and Alfred, attempted to carry on the funeral business, but were not able to keep it going. There was a short lapse in the business until 1938, when Alfred Sorenson obtained his embalmer's and funeral director's licenses.

Alfred "Bud" Sorenson and his wife, Doris, opened their funeral



REMODELING -- The Sorenson Funeral Home has been extensively remodeled.

home business in 1938 at 306 Chestnut Street in Grayling. This place was much too small, so in 1940, Bud and Doris purchased the large building at 500 Michigan Avenue to be their new location. This building at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Chestnut Street was originally the Presbyterian Church building and at the time Bud and Doris purchased it, it was the home of Amos and Matilda Hunter. The Hunter's lived in the upstairs portion and operated their dairy business in the basement.

The Sorenson's lived and operated their funeral home business in this location for many years. It was not until 1968 that A.J. "Bud" Sorenson and his wife, Doris, began construction of the current location on North Down River Road. This fine brick building was completed in 1969 by Hallmark Construction of Lansing. Hallmark was also responsible for designing and constructing the former Grayling State Bank building (now Citizens Bank). In 1976, Alfred and Doris decided to retire. Derek and Denise (Sorenson) McEvers purchased the funeral home from her parents and they have owned and operated Sorenson Funeral Home since that time.

The McEvers have recently completed an extensive refurbishing of the interior of the building. The casket-display room in the lower portion of the building has undergone some renovation. AuSable Construction of Grayling did much of the general work in the basement level.

Elizabeth (Jerore) Hall, an award-winning designer for Ethan Allen Interiors in Traverse City, was primarily responsible for the new decorating scheme. Several period pieces were recovered and others restored for use as accent items in the other rooms. The wall treatments were designed by Ms. Hall, as were the carpeting selections and

color combinations for the public rooms.

Derek McEvers said much has changed in the funeral business since he was first licensed in 1958. "In the old days, all that was required to hold the casket was a wooden box." Bud and Derek used to construct these "rough-boxes" themselves. "When Harvey Roland managed the lumberyard for T.P. Peterson, (now Wolohan's) we'd call and give him the dimensions, and he had everything pre-cut for us. Everything was worked out by size, and he kept a listing of the sizes we used."

In 1972, the City of Grayling began to require a "rigid container" for burial purposes and the concrete vaults came into regular use.

McEvers said the "first protracted viewing of a body was that of

Abraham Lincoln after his assassination. He was moved across country by train for several days. And that was when embalming really got started, as sanitation, preservation, and restoration of the deceased were at issue."

There were seven recorded deaths the year the Sorenson Funeral Home opened for business in 1892 — Phillip Kneth, age 7 years; Norman Burke, 85; baby, Mr. and J.C. Silsbee; son, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Michelson; Lucy Filly, 75; Alma Smith, 6; and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Hanson.

This many deaths in a small village was not uncommon in the late 1800s. Typhoid outbreaks and influenza were natural assassins, especially for the elderly and the very young.



SORENSEN OWNERS -- Denise Sorenson McEvers and her husband, Derek, now own and operate the Sorenson Funeral Home in Grayling. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

Community Foundation sees growth with transfer of fund from local district

The Gerrish-Higgins School District Board of Education of Roscommon, has announced the transfer of the Gerrish-Higgins School District Memorial Scholarship Fund to North Central Michigan Community Foundation. The new fund, to be called the Gerrish-Higgins Educational Fund will be a donor-advised, field-of-interest component fund within NCMCF. This gift more than \$70,000 will qualify for a 50% matching grant from the Kellogg Foundation, the income from which will be used for youth programs in Roscommon County.

Income from the Gerrish-Higgins Educational Fund will be applied to the educational needs of the Gerrish-Higgins area. A 5-7 member Advisory Committee, including one representative of NCMCF and 4-6 representatives of the Donor, will evaluate and prioritize the educational needs of potential beneficiaries and make recommendations to NCMCF for funding from the interest earnings of the Fund. Announcing the gift, Gerrish-Higgins School District Board of Education President Jim Scott said

Our Board saw this as a unique opportunity to build the resources available to our students, leverage the Kellogg challenge grant, and strengthen our partnership with individuals and organizations concerned about the young people of our community."

He added "In making this gift, we

want the students in our system and their parents to know that the transfer of our Memorial Fund assets to NCMCF will not reduce the 1998 grants we would have otherwise made had we remained independent."

Don Mick, Superintendent of the Gerrish-Higgins School District said, "We are investing in NCMCF because we believe NCMCF represents the best long-range growth opportunity for our Fund. Since the Kellogg matching funds also produce income for youth programs in the County, we are reaping additional value both immediately and permanently."

Mick went on to add "We have enjoyed strong support from people in our District over the years, and I hope this support will grow in the future. Every parent of every student in our system now has two major incentives to support the Fund which did not exist before: the Kellogg 50% matching grant and the Michigan tax credit available to individuals or couples who contribute to a Community Foundation. Everyone wins!"

Accepting the gift on behalf of NCMCF, Chairman and Roscommon resident John W. Wade said "We are pleased to welcome the Gerrish-Higgins Educational Fund to NCMCF. Roscommon County is now a beacon for the other four counties in our group, since all three of the County's public educational institutions (the Gerrish-Higgins School District through this

gift, Houghton Lake Community Schools through the Houghton Lake Educational Foundation Fund, and Kirtland Community College through its Foundation) have joined NCMCF in recent weeks."

Wade then commented, "Improving educational opportunities and youth programs are the heart of all three gifts, and all three will draw 50% matching funds from Kellogg. Our youth are our future! So I appeal to everyone in Roscommon County to support our youth by contributing to these funds. All donors need to do is write a check payable to North Central Michigan Community Foundation (marking the memo section GHEF for the Gerrish-Higgins Fund, HLEFF for the Houghton Lake Foundation Fund, and KCCFF for the Kirtland Community College Fund) and mailing it to North Central Michigan Community Foundation, P.O. Box 824, Roscommon, MI 48653-0824. Now is the time for everyone to step up to the plate. Every gift, large or small, is important."

Formed in June of 1997, the North Central Michigan Community Foundation serves the counties of Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon. NCMCF is a tax-exempt, publicly-supported philanthropic organization that operates as a permanent collection of endowed funds for the long-term benefit of its member counties and their residents.

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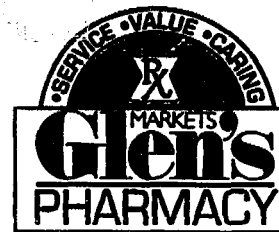
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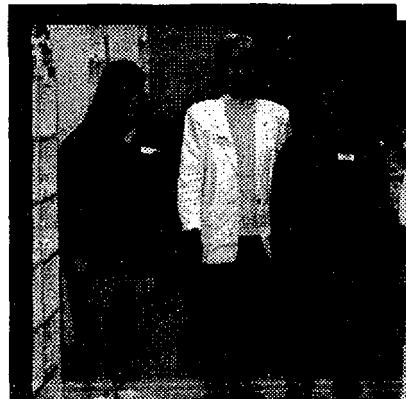
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'Dom' Galvani's retirement ends 19 years as mechanic

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

After 19-years with the Road Commission for Crawford County, Domenico "Dom" Galvani II is hanging it up to "do some traveling."

He and wife, Eunice "have been married 42 years come February 11, and we think it's time to take some time for ourselves." He said he has a brother Tom in Maine, a brother Francis in Pennsylvania, and two sisters — Lucy and Delores — in Flint.

One of ten children, Galvani was born in Beaver Creek township on a small farm, and was raised in Crawford County. His parents, Domenico and Mary, are deceased. His father was killed in 1947 and his mother didn't drive, so it was then they moved to Grayling.

"My dad came here from Lucca, Italy. He worked in Grayling's DuPont Factory — they made turpentine. My mother was French Canadian, and they met here in town," he said. Their small farm, he said, "with a two-acre garden, kept us in good groceries."

Dom began his working life as "route driver for Krumrei Beverage. I delivered Pfeifers, Drury's and Budweiser beer all over Crawford, Roscommon and Otsego Counties.

"There wasn't all the party store and gas station take-outs back then. There was the Black & White supermarket, there was Burroughs on Main Street, next to the old Avalanche Building, and the A & P (next to the former Mac's Drug Store) When I was 12 years old, there was even a grocery store in Bill Mosier's Refrigeration building. The old Shell Station was next to Mosier's, but it also had a bus stop and there was a big canopy over the pumps."

Other memorable places Dom used to deliver to... "Shoppenagon's, the Plaza Bar, Smiggins Diggins (Sawmill), Spikes, the Moose, and Legner's Bar. That area was all golf course once, and they had a summer license out there. The Holiday Inn

and Red Barn weren't here when I delivered, but the old AuSable Bar (next to Rite-Aid) was where a biker got himself shot. I also made calls on the Way Side Inn at Lake Margrethe.

"The town has really grown up and improved over the years," he said, "and I've enjoyed every minute of it. It's been real good to us."

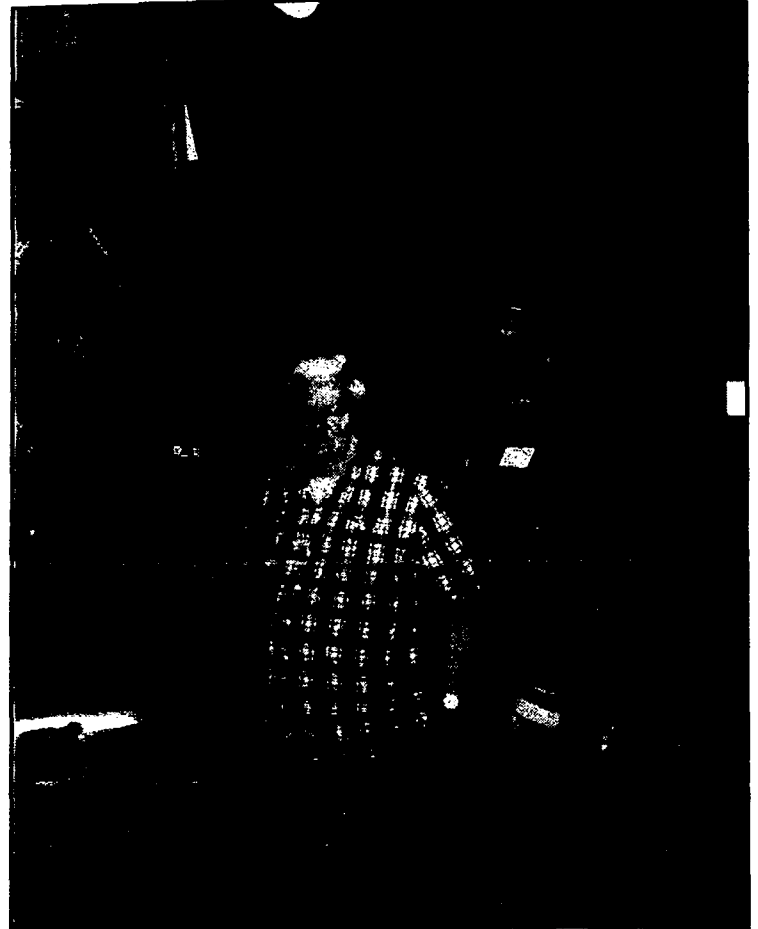
Galvani's job as mechanic's assistant for the Road Commission "was a good job, and it kept me busy. My main job was greasing, oil changes, filters and making minor repairs to the trucks. We'd change blades (snow) in winter, and keep the building up nice."

He said the old truck barn used to be "pretty rough to work in. The heating was bad, the windows didn't let in much light, and I laid on my back on a creeper to change the oil on the trucks." Galvani used to work alone, but an assistant was hired in 1994 — Bob Peterson.

"I've always worked in my own world at the Road Commission," he continued. "But, it's time."

Galvani has had some health problems lately, "and I told my wife that I needed more of her peanut butter cookies to get better. She's an awful good cook — too good," he patted his considerable girth. "Got to take some of this off and get some exercise. Hurt my back in a fall long ago, and I think if I get off the concrete floors, I'll feel better."

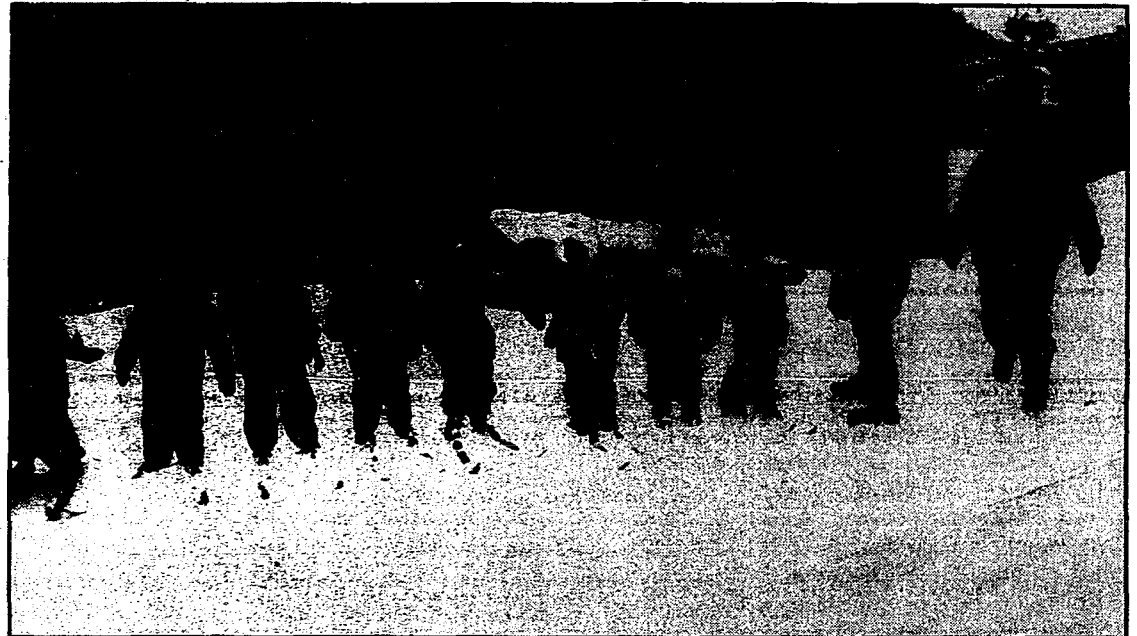
The Galvanis have several children and grand children nearby:



FAREWELL, DOM — Domenico Galvani (center) has retired after 19 years as a mechanic with the Road Commission for Crawford County. He's ready for a bit of rest, leaving the chores to his former partner, Bob Peterson (left), and his replacement, Jerry Helsel (right). Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

Domenico III lives at home; Sandra and her two girls, Rae Leigh and Liberty, live in Grayling; Jeffrey and his two children, Tiffany and John, live in Waters. Another son, Warren, lives in Mt. Pleasant. Also living at home is a Pomeranian named Cindy.

Galvani's brother Walt lives in Grayling, as does his sister Irene and another brother, Jerry. Another sister, Theresa, lives in Mississippi, and another brother, Oral, has passed on.



YOUNG SKIERS — On a field trip from Grayling Cooperative Preschool, these young skiers tried their skills at the cross country variety at the Holiday Inn Ski Shop. Left to right: Janette Harris, Harley Timmons, Jensen Aubrey, Caitlin Jensen, Joshua Aimesbury, Jordon Stephan, Fisher Ankney, Nicholas Meyer. Not pictured are Melissa Kalonich, Ryan Teeple and Samantha Martin.

Licensing for snowmobile, watercraft operators proposed

by Rachelle Y. Julien
Capital News Service

LANSING—Nineteen snowmobile deaths have occurred this winter so far in Michigan and 50 percent of them were alcohol-related.

That caused state Rep. Tom Alley, D-West Branch, to propose legislation to require a license for anyone operating snowmobiles and personal watercraft.

Alley said he probably will push for snowmobile and personal watercraft licenses this year and concentrate next year on boats and off-road vehicles.

A license would be granted to anyone 21-years-old or older, who hasn't been cited for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Drivers under 21 would have to complete a safety course for each vehicle to receive a license.

"Our whole intent is for educational training," Alley said. "What we're trying to talk about is safety." There were 47 snowmobile deaths in 1995.

96 and 44 in 1996-97.

Alley would like to see mandatory training on personal watercraft and snowmobiles, while also trying to raise funds for snowmobile trails.

It's hoped that keeping trails groomed will keep snowmobilers on them.

"The number of deaths don't occur on the trails, but on secondary roads or on lakes," he said.

Pauline Petrosky, a Grayling Recreation Authority board member, says her group's main concern is with snowmobilers riding on the ski trails in the Hanson Hills ski area.

"If lessons and licensing can facilitate some awareness of areas that would be helpful for us," Petrosky said.

Alley realizes that it may be hard to

pass the legislation covering all recreational vehicles. That is why he is focusing on personal watercraft and snowmobiles this year.

"I know that the boat industry is going to fight on this one," Alley said. Rep. Allan Lowe, R-Grayling, has heard a great deal of concern about this matter. At this time, he isn't convinced he's going to support it.

"Several people are upset about this," he said. "He's [Alley] going to have to demonstrate to me that there's a need for it."

"The legislation may affect rentals of snowmobiles and personal watercraft, but not sales," said Pam Terry, wife of Bob Terry, owner of Terry's Sports Center, 8307 W. M-72.

About 25 percent of the Terrys' customers are from out-of-state and come up once or twice a year to rent recreational vehicles, she said.

"I don't think it's going to stop the drinking and driving and the fatalities," Terry said.

Rich Filley, president of the Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association, doesn't believe the legislation is targeting the right group of people.

"I'm not so sure that's going to do much," he said. "The key is education and enforcement."

Filley doesn't understand why a 25-year-old should get a license without training. Under Alley's proposal, a class isn't required if someone has a clean driving record regarding alcohol.

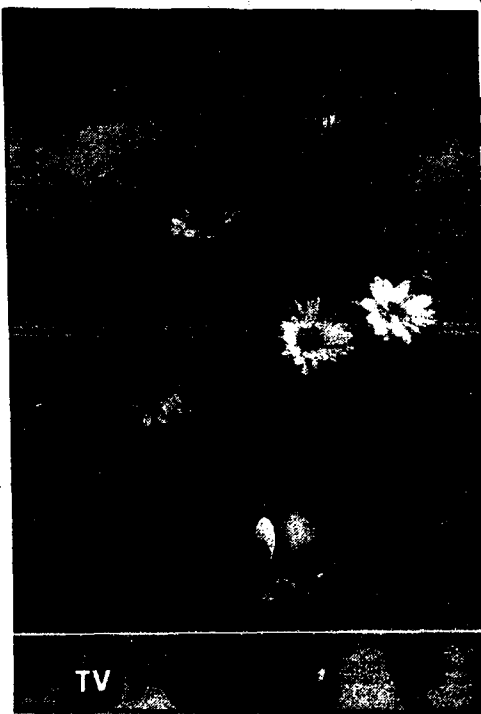
"I think we need to educate all snowmobilers somehow. Educating a small percentage isn't going to do it," he said.

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NOTES NORTHERN

INSIDE:
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Jessica Becks wins 1998 Grayling Jr. Miss

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Preparing to play to a packed house in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium, the twelve contestants readied themselves. This was it — showtime!

Outside, frost coated the trees and it looked festive and frozen like a Winter Carnival should. Anxious parents and relatives flooded through the halls of the Crawford AuSable High School, cameras ready, hearts pounding with hopes.

Pageant coaches fussed over this and that, and inside a small room behind the stage — all was make-up, hair, and much moaning over walking so many miles in shoes too high and too tight for tender feet. Words of encouragement were spoken frequently, and the women behind the scenes looked as nervous as their young charges.

But all too soon, it was 7 p.m. on Feb. 7 and the show must begin. The set for the opening number



AND THE WINNER IS -- Miss Jessica Becks was chosen as 1998 Grayling Junior Miss.

Influence"

- 5) Christa Lynn Gothro - Sign language - "I Am in Love with the World"
- 6) Heather Bonamie - Jazz/Gymnastics Dance - "Celebracion de la Danza"
- 7) Jean Anne Zelek - Dance

During the evening gown competition, the emcees — Wayne Hindmarsh and D. J. Brown — introduced the girls and gave brief sketches from their biographies. The audience was informed of each girl's future ambitions and told a few special things gleaned from their written applications.

When the Creative and Performing Arts and Poise and Appearance portions of the program were over, the three reigning "little queens" performed. Danielle Lighthall, Little Miss Crawford County 1997, did a jazz dance to "Grease Lightening".

Paige Conway, Young Miss Crawford County 1997, performed a jazz dance to "Mmm Bob", and Felicia Phillips, Miss Pre-Teen Crawford County 1997, danced to "Respect".

Then the tension mounted.

Junior Miss 1997 — Melissa Ostwald — took the stage and graciously delivered her thanks, her experiences, and her well-wishes. Melissa received a standing welcome and many cheers of appreciation from the audience.

Then the Junior Miss contestants returned to the stage, their gowns glittering, fashion and class everywhere.

Stacey Rosin-Gay performed a terrific rendition of "The Greatest Love of All" to the waiting contestants.

Presentation of special awards was made by ABWA Scholarship Program Director Sandra Moore, assisted by Melissa Ostwald. The following awards were presented: Evening Gown - Jessica Becks Fitness Award - Sarah Kaiser Spirit Award - Jenny French Talent Award - Jessica Becks Scholastic Achievement - Jessica



JUNIOR MISS CONTESTANTS -- From left: Heidie Wallace, Jamie Anderson, Christa Gothro, Heather Bonamie, Jenny French, Sara Bassett.

was wintry and colorful. The contestants and the 1997 Junior Miss, Melissa Ostwald, romped through a mock version of a snowball fight, a ride on a snowmobile, and a well-choreographed winter playtime by Louise Tournaud. Someone had harvested a late Christmas tree, and cottony snow enhanced the scenery. Johnnie Mathis belted out "Winter Wonderland" as two young ladies overhead "let it snow, let it snow."

The contestants were then divided into two groups, and while one group performed a fitness routine designed by Cathy Hehir, the others became gowned and glamorous. One contestant would present another as each performed the talent portion of the competition.

The following were performed by the contestants:

- 1) Jamie Anderson - Cheerleading routine - "Humans Being"
- 2) Jenny French - Lip sync - "Journey to the Past"
- 3) Heidie Wallace - Vocal - "The Rose"
- 4) Sara Bassett - Dramatic interpretation - "Under the



MORE CONTESTANTS -- From left: Emily Weaver, Sarah Kaiser, Brie Blaauw, Crystal Pilon, Jessica Becks, Jean Zelek.

Disco - "Stayin' Alive"

- 8) Sarah Kameron Kaiser - Vocal/kit - Medley from "My Fair Lady"
- 9) Emily Weaver - Pom Pon Routine - "Mony Mony"
- 10) Crystal Lea Pilon - Monologue - "The Glass Menagerie"
- 11) Brie Danielle Blaauw - Dance Men in Black - "The Alien Jive"
- 12) Jessica Marie Becks - Jazz Flute - "Take Five"

Becks

The Second Runner-up - Sara Bassett
The First Runner-up - Sarah Kaiser
Grayling Junior Miss 1998 - Jessica Becks

The goal of the Junior Miss program is to provide an exciting, rewarding and life enhancing experience for the volunteers and contestants alike. To reach this goal, each local, state and national volunteer must be a person who is sincerely dedicated to the philosophy stressed to the contestants — always put your "Emphasis on Excellence."

The next day, Jessie said "I still can't believe it. I'm in shock. When we got back to our house, there were people sitting in the driveway in the dark. We had no power!"

Sandra Moore said the same thing. "The candles were lit and everyone extended their congratulations in the dark. Nobody cared — they were just focusing on how happy they were for Jessie."

And Jessica's special friend, Bill Stilson said — "she's awesome, isn't she?"



LITTLE QUEENS -- Danielle Lighthall, Paige Conway and Felicia Phillips, all of whom represent the community in various ways, performed at the pageant.

Winter Wolf Festival a success

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Staff writer

The 73rd Winter Wolf Festival drew generous crowds of winter sports enthusiasts to Hanson Hills this past weekend, even though mother nature provided no new snow for the event.

Visitors from as far away as Kalamazoo and Mount Clemens partook in snowshoe instruction, seat ski rides, snowboarding and

traption with black spikes protruding from all angles. Their slogan was "Holiday Inn - Get Stuck On Us". The "spikemobile" won Best Design, too.

Most touching of all was a late entry by Kentucky Fried Chicken. Betsy Maudrie exclaimed, as she headed for the hill, "The kids and I just created this thing at the last minute. They are so excited!"

Wearing KFC buckets for hel-

everywhere.

Hawk Hills Farm provided leisurely, old-fashioned horse drawn sleigh rides around Hanson Hills for a relaxing break from the action-packed scenes on the slopes.

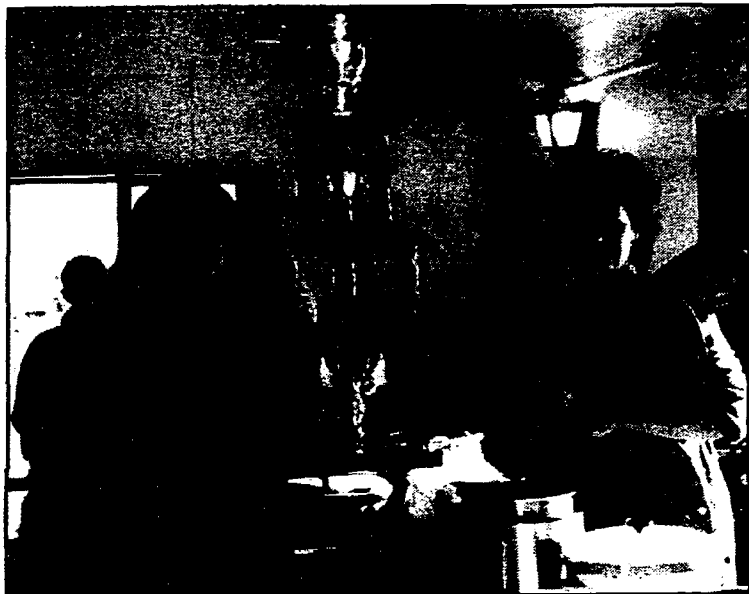
Ice sculptor, Roscoe Clark of City Ice in Flint, carved, sawed, sanded and chiselled his way through 1,500 pounds of ice, creating five sculptures. Clark carved a Christmas tree, reindeer, log house, swan and, for his grand finale, the Eiffel Tower.

The Bears Bowmen Snowshoe Archery Challenge grew to a three-mile course from last year's one-mile course. Coordinator, Bill Weaver, said that the course lived up to its name and really was a challenge this year. He is hoping to devise a five-mile course for next year and get more people to enter.

Defending champion, Mercy Hospital, (chili "F") retains the right to brag about their chili recipe, by winning the annual chili cook-off for the third straight year. Wendy's won the second place designation and Spike's Keg O' Nails tied with a second Mercy Hospital entry for third place. Other participating restaurants were Holiday Inn and Big Boy.

Hanson Hills Director Cindy Olson commented, "We had a great time at Hanson Hills over the weekend. Anyone who wasn't there missed out on a lot of fun. We really appreciate everyone that made the festival possible by volunteering and supporting all of the events."

When asked about future plans for the festival, Olson replied, "We look forward to many more Winter Wolf Festivals and, especially, the 75th anniversary in the year 2,000."



WINNER AND STILL CHAMPIONS -- Mercy Hospital wins the annual chili cook-off for third straight year. Karen Hatley and Lynn Ferrigan accepting trophy at Winter Wolf Festival. Photo by Cheryl Ruley.

more.

On Friday evening, the 1998 Business Olympics entertained the crowd with such antics as downhill cardboard box races, snowball throwing and 50-yard water relay race.

The Mercy Hospital Madmen won the race with their realistic-looking corrugated ambulance creation. They also won Most Unique Design.

Second place Gannon Broadcasting sent a plain black speedboat kind of thing down the hill. Both Gannon Broadcasting and the Holiday Inn had control problems, spending most of their rides going sideways.

Defending champs, Holiday Inn, came in third place riding what they referred to as the "spikemobile", a fluorescent greenish-yellow, menacing-looking nordic boat-type con-

struction with black spikes protruding from all angles. Their slogan was "Holiday Inn - Get Stuck On Us". The "spikemobile" won Best Design, too.

Most touching of all was a late entry by Kentucky Fried Chicken. Betsy Maudrie exclaimed, as she headed for the hill, "The kids and I just created this thing at the last minute. They are so excited!"

Wearing KFC buckets for helmets, Betsy and her sons, Nathan and Adam rode the box, decorated with sidedish containers for headlights, down the hill, making it about two-thirds of the way down and carrying it the rest of the way.

Beginners, novices and experts took to the slopes on skis and snowboards, competing in a variety of races throughout the weekend.

Seat skis were provided and instruction given by Tom Crain of the Bestride Company. A seat ski is a cushioned seat mounted by shock absorbing leaf spring on a ski. It was a very popular attraction at the festival because of its easy mastery and closeness to the ground.

There was also plenty of action on the ice rink and sledding hill by festival-goers of all ages. There were kids trying out brand-new skates and kids flying down the hill on inner tubes. Rosy cheeks were



FIRST TIMER -- Tom Ellis, 22, of Mio, tries out snowboarding on the bunny hill.

Winter Wolf Results

Downhill Race Results

6-8 YEAR OLDS:

- 1st: Mike Olson
- 2nd: Sierra Bigham

10-12 YEAR OLDS:

- 1st: Matt Seager
- 2nd: Jill Seager
- 3rd: Beth Lacey
- 4th: Ben Lacey
- 5th: Jesse Gomez
- 6th: Travis Hatfield

13-15 YEAR OLDS:

- 1st: Geoff Montagne
- 2nd: Tim Haglin
- 3rd: Jason Gomez

SNOWSHOE ARCHERY

Challenge Results

MEN'S

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| Brian Stauffer | Holland |
| 19:17 | |
| Steve Seager | Grayling |
| 21:06 | |
| Bill Hart | Grayling |
| 25:33 | |
| Eric Swanders | Grayling |
| 27:43 | |

WOMEN'S

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| Chris Seager | Grayling |
| 26:48 | |
| Gretchen Reiser | Grayling |
| 27:39 | |

Brandon McMahon

Natasha Cummins

Snowshoe Archery Challenge Results

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YOUTH 11-16

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| Geoff Montagne | Grayling |
| 19:37 | |
| Matt Seager | Grayling |
| 24:20 | |
| Missy Bouillard | Grayling |
| 25:19 | |

YOUTH 6-10**

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|-----------------|----------|
| Jill Seager | Grayling |
| 5:43 | |
| Austin Stauffer | Holland |
| 6:01 | |
| Allen Lehman | Grayling |
| 6:13 | |

**NOTE: Youth 6-10 had short course while the others participants had a three-mile course.

Business Olympics results

It was a great night for the 1998 Business Olympics, unfortunately the business participants were down. The teams consisted of Holiday Inn (Defending Champs), The Mercy Madmen, Gannon Broadcasting and KFC. The first event was the downhill cardboard race. First was the Mercy Madmen, second Gannon Broadcasting and third The Holiday Inn.

The design of the downhill

vehicle was the Holiday Inn team with their bright yellow and black spoked sled called "Holiday Inn get stuck on us."

Unique design went to the Mercy Hospital team (The Mercy Madmen) with their cardboard Ambulance.

The second event was the snowball throw:

First Gannon Broadcasting with 496 feet, second place the Holiday Inn with 442 feet and

third The Mercy Madmen with 437.

The last event was the 50 yard water relay: First place the Holiday Inn, second Mercy Hospital (The Mercy Madmen) and third KFC.

The overall scores:

The Mercy Madmen, 200 (1998 Business Olympics Champs)

The Holiday Inn, 175 Gannon Broadcasting, 150, KFC, 50.

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READY TO JUMP -- Grayling's Nate Beckwith (10) pulls up for a jump shot in Varsity action against the Tawas Braves.

by Dave Golnick
Student Writer

The Boys Varsity basketball team recently (Feb. 3) defeated the Tawas Braves by a score of 90-81. Eli Tobin, Nate Hinkle, Nate Beckwith and Brad Ritter all had great games in the victory.

The first quarter started as a fast paced shoot-out, with both teams running the floor quickly and finessing their way to the basket. In a dazzling display of passing, Eli Tobin hit Brad Ritter underneath the bucket consistently, leading to easy Grayling points. Tobin also drove to the hole in an unstoppable fury of dribbling skills. Tawas was not about to back down however, as they stormed right back at the Vikings to keep the match close. Score at the end of the first quarter was 22-20 Grayling.

In the second quarter, the action kept getting faster. The intensity built to a new level as the teams fought bitterly for the lead. The quarter, though dominated by fast breaks by both teams, was actually played well defensively, as neither offense was able to get on track very often. The score at half-time was 37-36 Tawas.

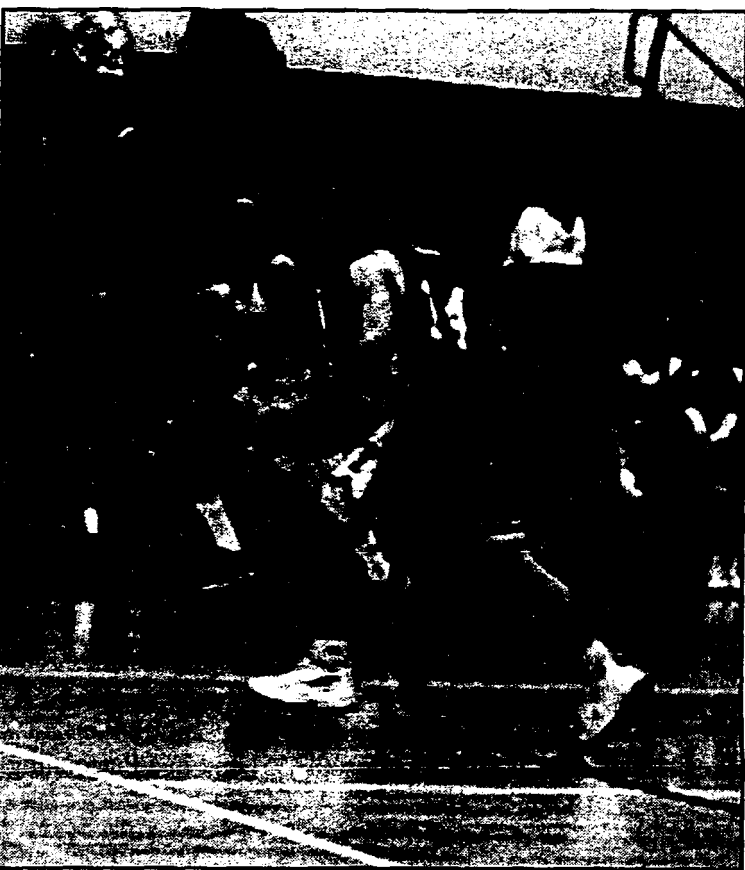
At the start of the third quarter, the stands were rocking. The Grayling fans shook the house as they continued to pump up their beloved Vikings. Grayling took advantage of this enthusiasm and owned the rebounds thanks to Ritter, Mike Ostwald and Beckwith. Although Tawas took a small lead after a series of three-point shots, the Vikings rallied and created drives of their own. The Vikings closed the score to 57-55, Tawas leading, by the end of the third.

In the fourth quarter, Grayling quickly got to work restoring their lead. A few quick passes and awesome drives by Nate Hinkle opened up the game for the Grayling offense, who had until now been held mostly in check by the Braves. With Beckwith raining down threes on Tawas and Tobin dribbling circles around the Braves, Grayling took a five point lead. After a hotly contested end to a great game, Grayling came a way victorious 90-81.

The Varsity's next home game will be against the Standish-Sterling Panthers on Tuesday, Feb. 17.



VARSITY ACTION -- Viking Travis Parkinson (20) guards the point and Mike Ostwald (30) defends the passing lane as the Vikings lost to Tawas.



BEAT THE TRAP -- Grayling Jayvee Brad Gorski (22) dribbles past a Tawas trap at halfcourt.

Jayvee cagers put crush on out-gunned Tawas five

by Dave Golnick
Student Writer

The Junior Varsity boys basketball team recently (Feb. 3) defeated the Tawas Braves by a score of 83-49. Dave Hawkins and Brad Wilson were cited for playing great games, both offensively and defensively.

The first half of play was controlled by Grayling. Every rebound belonged to the Vikings, and the defense performed exceptionally well to trap Brave ball-handlers at half-court. The Viking forwards also played well in the posts, getting open often and creating a target for the guards to pass off to. The guards, however, had no need to give up the ball as they rolled over the weak Tawas defense.

With the Tawas defense breaking down and the game well out of hand, the Vikings slowed down the tempo so to pass the time faster. The end of the

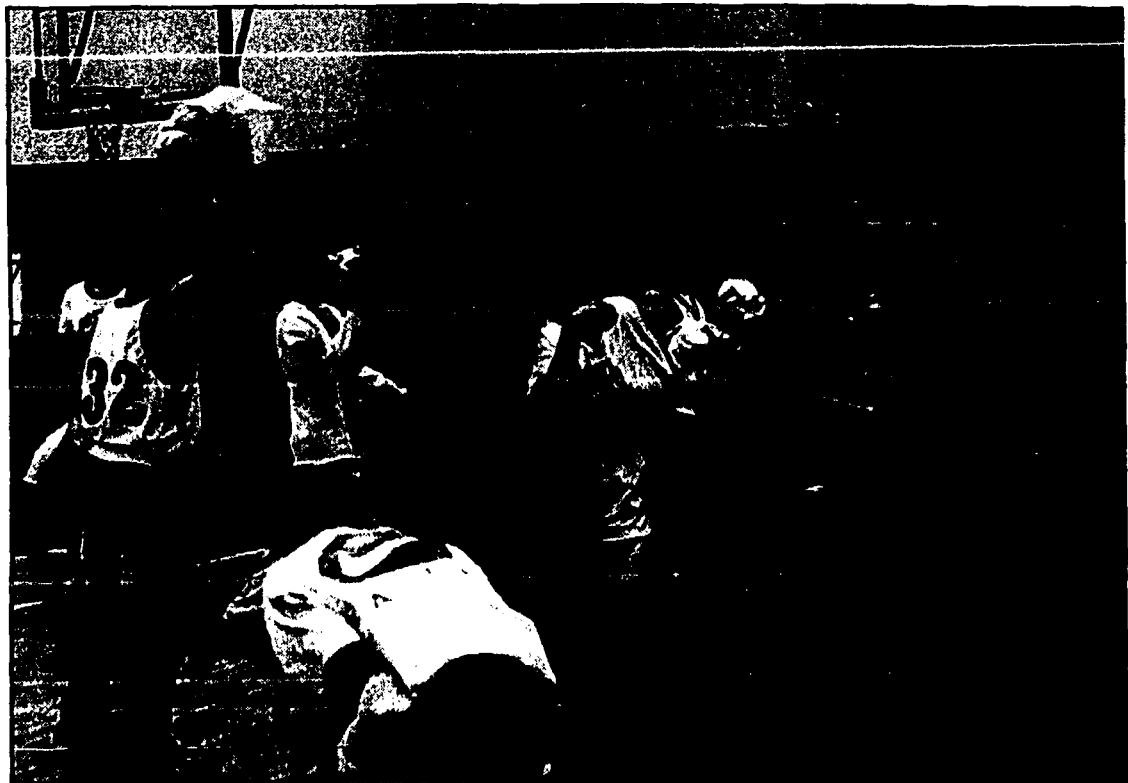
second quarter saw a huge 51-17 Grayling lead.

The third quarter was the opposite of both the previous quarters. Tawas, playing for pride, put the pressure on the Vikings to contain them. The Braves frequently knocked down shots that they could not hit in the first half. The Tawas defense also tightened tremendously, though the Grayling post players were occasionally left open for the easy basket. The score at the end of the third quarter was 67-29 Grayling.

In the fourth quarter, both teams

started to play very sloppy basketball. Many turnovers and unnecessary fouls caused the game to drag on. The Vikings were on offense most of the quarter, but did not take many shots as they only wanted to end the game as soon as possible. Although Tawas started scoring some quick buckets at the end, the game had already been decided. The final score was 83-49 Vikings.

The JV's next home game will be Tuesday, Feb. 17, against the Standish-Sterling Panthers.



SHIRT, ANYONE? -- In what has become a ritual, the Grayling High School Varsity basketball team hands out their shooting shirts to eager fans after their pre-game warmup, and before the Varsity game begins. There's no shortage of takers.

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Viking Frosh snap brief string of losses

The Grayling Viking Freshman Basketball team took on the Gladwin Flying G's at home Monday night (Feb. 2), losing a close game 61-57. Thursday (Feb. 5) saw the team travelling to Tawas to take on the Braves, only to fall again, 57-47.

The two-loss string was broken Monday (Feb. 9), however, with a 67-49 victory over Pinconning.

The first game against Gladwin saw a see-saw battle between two evenly matched teams, with both teams applying full court pressure nearly the entire game. Neither team led by more than a couple of baskets throughout the contest, with the Flying G's ahead by one after the first quarter, 17-16, and the Vikings out front at the half, 32-31.

Both teams battled hard in the third quarter, which saw exciting end to end play and the score knotted at 48 apiece at the end of the period.

In the final stanza, the Vikings stumbled and only scored nine points. Gladwin took advantage of this and took control of the game and the boards and won the game 61-57.

Coach Doug Simons said that, "We were beat by a better team. They executed down the stretch and we didn't. Right when we would get it going we would make a mental mistake and Gladwin would take advantage of it. Give them credit; they came in here and played a tough game and it shows in the final score."

The Tawas game saw the Vikings in a dogfight from the opening tipoff. Chris Youngblood led the Grayling charge in the first quarter, scoring nine of his fifteen points in helping the Vikings take a 13-12 lead.

The second quarter saw Grayling relinquish the lead — a lead which they would not see again for the remainder of the game. Going into the locker room at the half, a glance at the scoreboard showed the Vikings down four, 26-22.

Grayling fought back in the third quarter, with Coach Simons substituting frequently to get fresh legs on the court. The up and down action ended with the Braves ahead by two, 36-34.

The final quarter was all Tawas, as they built their lead and held off the Grayling rally. Too many turnovers in the last half of the fourth quarter by Grayling led to many easy baskets and Tawas won, 57-47.

High scorers for the Vikings were Chrs Youngblood with 15, followed by Dan Hall and Ryan Mahaffy with 6 each and Max Schreiner with 5.

Coach Simons was disappointed with the loss as he reflected that, "Our second squad played great and actually outplayed the Tawas starters. We're a better team than they are but just didn't finish off the play when we had the chance. We had too many turnovers, especially in the fourth quarter, that we just couldn't overcome."

The win over Pinconning brought a happier look to Viking fans.

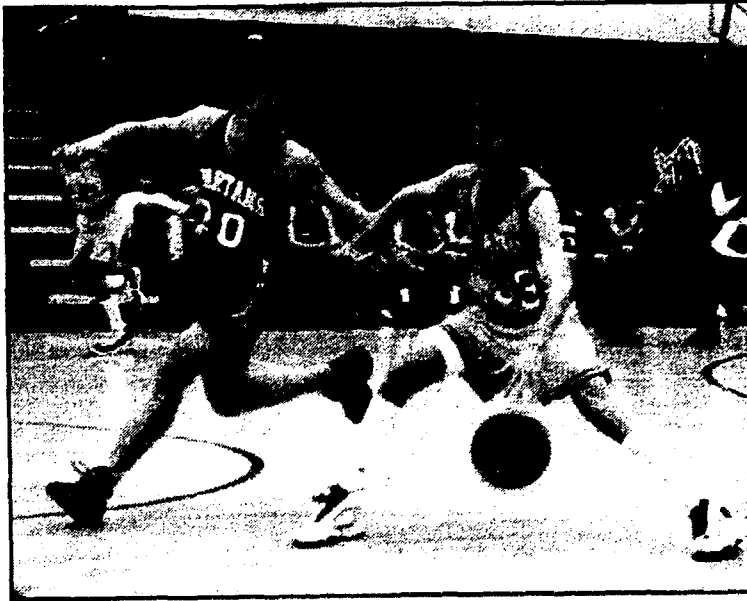
The Vikings played with high enthusiasm and intensity, Coach Simons mixed up the players on the floor, and the Vikes produced a good offensive game.

The score was close in the first half, but the Vikes turned up the defensive prerssure in the second half, which turned out to be the difference in the game.

"Our team played better tonight than in some of our recent games," Simons said. "We had a healthy squad again, which made a big difference in our performance."

Ryan Mahaffy and Levi Burkett led the attack with 12 points each, with Chris Youngblood at 11 and Kyle Langseth with 10 close behind.

Grayling's next three games are all on the road, this week travelling to Oscoda Thursday (Feb. 12). Game time is 6 p.m.



FANCY DRIBBLING -- Grayling Freshman Levi Burkett exhibits some fancy dribbling in the Viking win over Pinconning.



IN A BOX -- As Dan Hull (22) takes a shot, Viking Freshmen Dave Golnick (40) and Kyle Langseth (55) box in a Pinconning player going for a rebound.

MENS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Week 6 results — Mens Basketball League 2/3/98

Game #1 Sawmill, 73 — Baynham.
41 T. Doremire - 24; Burrell - 20, M. Doremire - 14, P. Trudgeon - 7, T. Trudgeon - 6, Bonamie - 2 / E. Baynham - 11, Neal - 8, Youngblood - 8, T. Baynham - 7, Perrin - 5, Brigham - 2.

Game #2 Spikes, 74 — Weyerhaeuser. 51 Church - 24, Patterson - 18, Kucharek - 16, Thompson - 10, Potter - 4, Krey - 2 / Trenary - 10, Ramsey - 9, Ruddy - 7, Hull - 7, Dandy - 6, Grant - 6, Bickford - 4, Hinds - 2.

Standings after Week #6

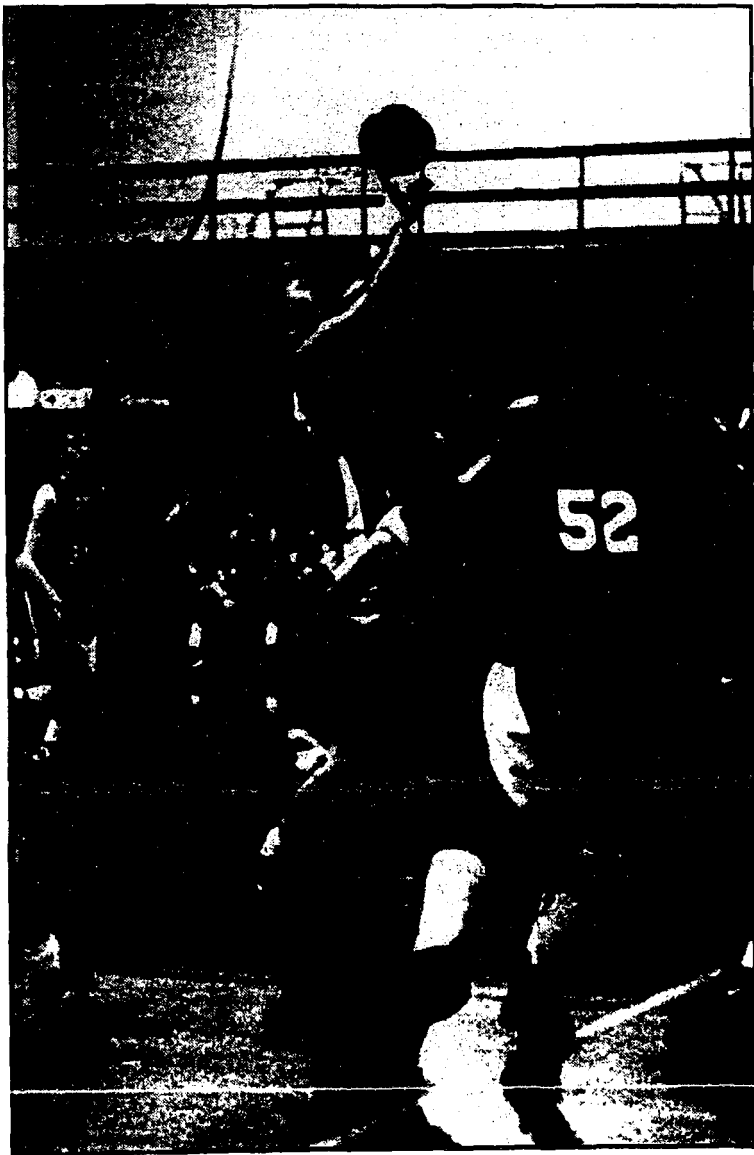
Team	W	L
Spikes	4	0
Sawmill	4	1
Holiday Inn	2	2
Weyerhaeuser	2	3
Baynham Forest Products	1	3
Lange Vending	0	4

The next scheduled games will be played on Feb. 12 at 7 p.m., Lange Vending vs. Holiday Inn. Game 2 begins at 8:30 p.m., Spikes vs. Baynham. Sawmill and Weyerhaeuser have a bye week.

Top 10 leading scorers, game avg.
— Longendyke - 23.3, Patterson -

20.2, Church - 18.5, Hamlin - 17.6, T. Doremire - 16.4, Youngblood - 14.2, Kucharek - 13.6, M. Doremire - 13, Ramsey - 12.2, Kirk - 12, C. Bonamie - 12.

The end of the season banquet has been scheduled for March 20 at the Holiday Inn.



GREEN ACTION -- Scott Latusek pulls up for a jump shot, as Rick Riggs (52) poitions for a rebound and Mike Hale (35) trails, as the Grayling Eighth Grade Green Team wins over Tawas.

Eighth Grade Green Team winds up its basketball season with win

Grayling's Eighth Grade Green Team ended its basketball season with a 48-30 win over Tawas last week.

Rick Riggs scored 25 points and had 12 rebounds, and Justin Schreiber had nine points and seven rebounds.

The Green Team's record for the year was four wins and six losses; however three of the losses were by a single point, and one was by three points.

The record included an even three wins, three losses in league play.

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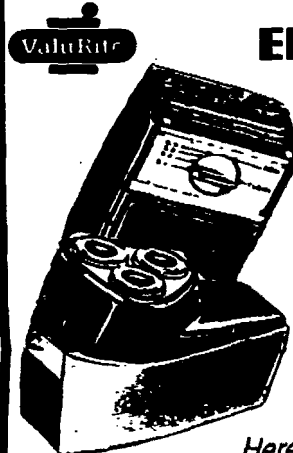
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Grayling wrestlers have busy week

Grayling High School's wrestling team had a busy week, winning a few and then losing a few matches.

The week's activities saw Coach Don Ferguson's grapplers defeat Standish Sterling 39-30, then lose to Saginaw Valley Lutheran 48-30, follow that with a whopping win over Charlevoix 66-9, and dropping a meet to Roscommon 48-23.

Four wrestlers won four matches for the Vikings: Matt Evon at 103 pounds, Josh Niederer at 112, Ben Malonen at 140 and Mark Hopkins at 152.

Also winning matches for Grayling during the week were: Marianne Vollmer at 119, Ben Baker at 125, Dave Shepherd at 135, Marc Weaver at 145, Nate Niederer at 160, Chris Peters at 171, Nick Banyham at 215 and Jason Dasho heavyweight.

At the Saturday (Feb. 7) tournament at Gladwin, with seven teams competing, two Grayling wrestlers were cited by Coach Ferguson for "an outstanding day."

Ben Malonen at 140 pounds defeated Josh Campbell of Breckenridge 3-1. Campbell has lost only two matches all year — both to Grayling's Malonen.

Mark Hopkins, a relative newcomer to Grayling, had three first period pins, and a technical fall over Jim Langle of Gladwin when he ran up the count to 17-0. Once the advantage reaches 15 points, the match is over.

Both Malonen and Hopkins ended up in first place at the Gladwin tournament — Malonen with a 25-3 score, and Hopkins at 20-5.

Third place winners were Matt Evon at 103 with a score of 30-11, and Josh Niederer at 112 pounds with a score of 30-9.

Fourth place winners were Chris Peters at 171 and Nick Banyham at 215 pounds.

Gaylord Grizzlies to face Ambassadors

The Gaylord Grizzlies Junior "A" hockey team will play the Compuware Ambassadors in two games, one in Detroit at 6:35, Friday, Feb. 13 and again at Gaylord Saturday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 at the Otsego Co. Sportsplex.

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WATCH OUT -- No, the referee is in no danger from the lunging panther -- it only appears that way. The painted panther mascot dominates the scene at the Standish Sterling gym. Meanwhile, in right front, Grayling's Josh Niederer is busy working out a victory, helping the Vikings whip the Panthers. Photo by Debbie Weaver.

Vikings compete at Crystal, Sylvan Spills hurt Viking skiers at Manistee

Eleven teams skied at Crystal Mountain near Thompsonville on Monday Feb. 2. In the Manistee Invitational the Viking boys finished third and the girls placed seventh.

The boys team was second place after Giant Slalom, then their number one, three and four boys fell in the Slalom event dropping the team into third.

"We had a good shot at the runner-up trophy behind Manistee but the skiers couldn't put together four good times and we finished third by just nine points," said Coach Mike Wieland.

"The regional Slalom will be on the same hill on Feb. 12 and hopefully we learned a lesson that will help us in the future."

Top skiers for the boys team were: Eric Thompson placing sixth in Slalom and ninth in Giant Slalom. Colin Hunter was 19th in Slalom despite a fall and sixth in Giant Slalom. Ray Trudgeon was 23rd in Slalom and 17th in Giant Slalom.

Ryan Stahl placed 15th in Giant Slalom, Paul Jansen was 27th in Slalom. Derek Quick disqualified in Slalom and placed 26th in Giant

Slalom. Josh Mueller disqualified in Slalom and was 28th in Giant Slalom.

Host Manistee won both the boys and girls competition in a race filled with a lot of skiers falling due to the soft snow condition.

The Grayling girls placed seventh as five of the six girls fell on the rutted courses. Top skier was Kim Hartman placing 17th in Slalom and 21st in Giant Slalom. Katie Olson finished eighth in Giant Slalom but lost a ski in Slalom and was disqualified. Brooke Ginter finished 28th and 23rd; Amanda Quick was 29th and 38th; Danielle McClanahan disqualified in both races with Andrea Elmy placing 34th in Giant Slalom and Amanda Fortino 35th in Slalom.

Vikings ski teams then placed about midway at Treetops on a rare Saturday Invitational on Feb. 7.

Flushing High School holds a meet each year at Sylvan Resort to see how they compare to the Up North teams.

This year Manistee won both the boys and girls competitions.

Grayling's boys team placed third overall behind Manistee and Gaylord in a field of six.

The Grayling girls team placed fourth.

Top racer for the girls team was Katie Olson, placing ninth in Slalom and fourth in Giant Slalom; Brooke Ginter placed 13th in both events; Kim Hartman was 20th in Slalom and 10th in Giant Slalom; Amanda Quick placed 31st in Slalom and 30th in Giant Slalom; Danielle McClanahan finished 33rd in Slalom and 32nd in Giant Slalom; Amanda Fortino and Andrea Elmy placed 35th in each of their races.

The boys finished third despite an inconsistent showing from most the racers. Colin Hunter placed fifth in Slalom, then 10th in Giant Slalom; Eric Thompson fell in Slalom placing 15th and finished fifth in Giant Slalom; Jason Boreo placed 22nd in Slalom and 15th in Giant Slalom; Derek Quick placed 20th in Slalom and 21st in Giant Slalom; Josh Mueller placed 25th in Slalom and 24th in Giant Slalom; Ray Trudgeon placed 26th and 30th.

The Vikings skied at Sylvan on Tuesday with Mt. Pleasant, Farwell, Harrison, Clare and Roscommon.

Citizens race clinic marks Week Three

The sunny weather was fantastic both for the kids and parents for week three of the Citizen's Bank free race clinic at Hanson Hills on Sunday. Race director John Alef said, "the mild temperatures made for one of the easiest days of racing he has seen in a long time." Ken Wright of Grayling brought out a digital camera and took a few pictures for the Hanson Hills web site.

For the third week in a row Gracie Calkins finished first for the preschool and kindergarten girls, Taylor Doremire finished second. In the boys group Michael Olson continued his reign with a first place finish, Alex Sloan followed him.

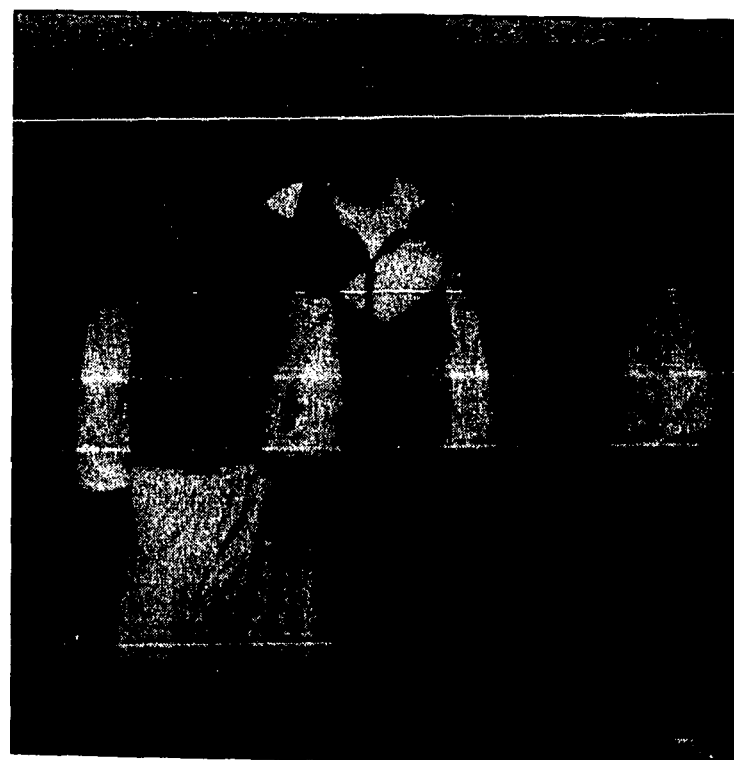
Rachel Doremire held the top spot for the first and second grade girls, Gabby Calkins worked her way into second, Jessica Riddle placed third, Avery Diola fourth, and Kristi Calkins fifth. Spencer Dean led the way in the first and second grade boys group, Chas Sloan finished second.

For the second week in a row Jill Seager put together the fastest run of the day for all of the girls and placed first in the third and fourth grade girls division. Cody Diola managed to move into first place for the third and fourth grade boys, Zach Dean was second, Scot Olson third, and Andrew Hart fourth.

In the fifth and sixth grade girls Jodi Riddle was able to put together some nice runs and went home with first place, Mallory Olson moved into second, Allyson Diola took third, Nichole Doremire fourth and

Beth Lucey fifth. Joey Highlen kept his streak alive with a first place finish in the fifth and sixth grade boys division, Matt Seager was a close second, Patrick McNally took third, Trevor Clough fourth, Jimmy Jansen fifth, and Ben Lucey sixth.

Andrea Alvarez led the seventh and eighth grade girls. Nicole Mech was second. Keil Clough continued in good form and led the seventh and eighth grade boys, Ben McNally was second, Eric Hart third.



100 WINS -- Two Grayling High School wrestlers have achieved a significant milestone this season -- 100 high school wins. Ben Malonen (left) and Dave Shepherd (right) both seniors, proudly wear medals honoring their 100 wins, presented by Coach Don Ferguson (center). Dave reached the 100-win mark in a meet at Pinconning Jan. 24. Ben racked up his 100th win Jan. 31 in the Northern Michigan Invitational at Gaylord. Photo by Debbie Weaver.

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After 35 years, local bowling record smashed -- twice

Cheryll A. Ruley
Special Writer

A 35-year old record was broken Jan. 29 at the American Legion Lanes. Al Angove shot a 758 series, breaking the old record of 731, bowled by Dan Canfield, back in 1962. One week later, Brian Palmer would take the record away from Angove.

Showing good sportsmanship, Canfield remarked, "Records are made to be broken and I knew it would, sooner or later."

Bowling on Lanes 5 and 6, Angove rolled 256-223-279. The third game, although making him victorious, was also a heart-breaker.

Armed with his Brunswick Zone bowling ball, Angove began the third game with five strikes in a row. In the sixth frame he was tapped by a solid seven pin. Angove made the spare, then strung another six strikes for the 279 final score. So close to a perfect 300 game.

The left-handed, 39-year old has been bowling for about 30 years. His dedication has finally paid-off over the past month or so. There have been five 700 series rolled at

the Legion Lanes thus far this season. Three of them belong to Angove.

Angove accomplished his record-breaking series the same night his team won the City Tournament championship. He is also a member of the 7th Annual Budweiser 6-Man Tournament Championship team. Angove and his bowling partner, Jake Helsel, took first place in the Doubles portion in the same tournament, Jan. 31 - Feb. 1.

"I had a great week and a good month," beamed Angove.

But, the story doesn't end there. Just one week after Angove's record-breaking series, right-hander, Brian Palmer, stepped up to snatch the title away, rolling a 760 series on Feb. 5, on the same pair of lanes.

Palmer, also a member of the Budweiser team, is reluctant to steal the glory away from Angove so quickly.

The week before Angove bowled the 758 series, the 25-year old Palmer rolled a 709 series, using his Brunswick Speed Zone bowling ball.

After opening in the ninth frame of the third game of that series, Palmer said he joked with Angove that he was glad he didn't break the 731 record because the glory would have only lasted a week, anyway.

Little did he know that he would subject Angove to that very feeling of fleeting fame.

Palmer's scores were 268-237-255. He knew he needed a score of 254 in the third game to beat the new record.

In the third game, Palmer started off with two spares, then opened in the third frame when he threw a gutter ball on his second ball.

Palmer turned to Angove and said, "I only threw that gutter so we wouldn't have to stop the presses on your story."

In good humor, Angove informed Palmer that he "only" had to throw eight strikes in a row to beat his new record.

Palmer was up to the challenge and threw eight consecutive strikes to finish with 255, a two-pin advantage over Angove's record of just one week.



YOUNG HOT SHOT — Brian Palmer shows the form he used to roll a record-breaking 760 series. Photo by Cheryll Ruley

One can only wonder how long Palmer's record will last.



HIGH ROLLERS — The 7th Annual Budweiser 6-Man Tournament Champions. Back row, from left: George Wolfe, Lance Davis, Al Angove, Tom Devins. Front row, from left: Jake Helsel and Brian Palmer.

Local men bowlers clean up

Cheryll A. Ruley
Special Writer

There are champions in our midst. Six local bowlers travelled to Alpena to compete in the 7th Annual Budweiser 6-Man Tournament, Jan. 31 - Feb. 1, and rolled to a first place finish.

Al Angove, Lance Davis, Tom Devins, Jake Helsel, Brian Palmer and George Wolfe shot a team score of 4,075, out-scoring 32 other teams, from all over northern Michigan, at the Thunderbowl Lanes tournament.

The 6-man team brought home a gleaming team trophy, Budweiser jackets and \$675 in prize money.

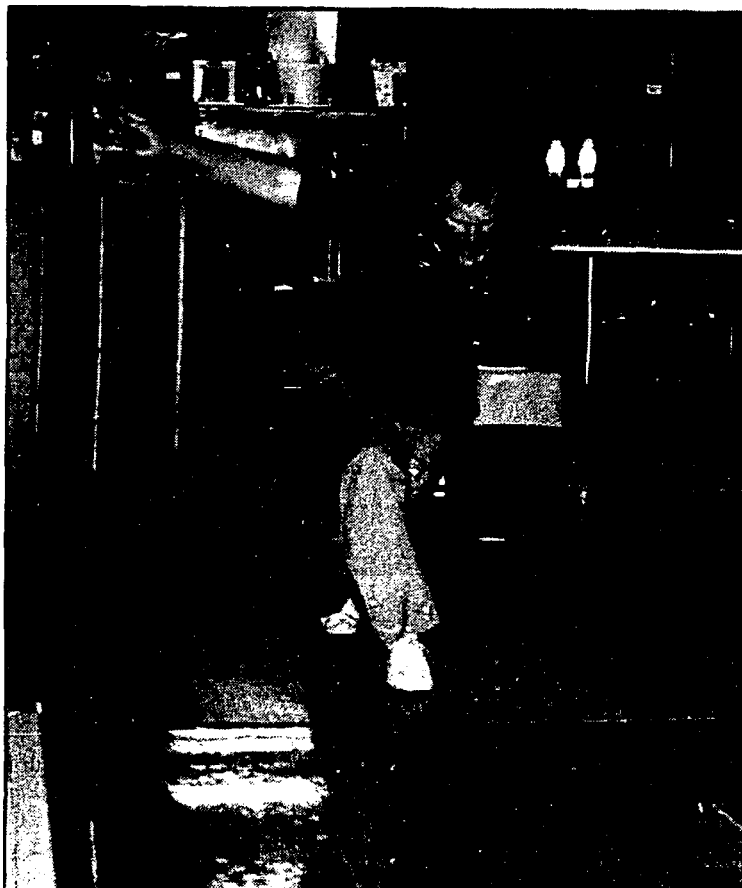
In the same tournament, Jake Helsel and Al Angove shot a combined total of 1,265 to win the Doubles competition. They were awarded \$250 in first place prize money and Budweiser jackets.

Five members of the Budweiser team also won the City Tournament Championship at the American Legion Lanes on Jan. 29. They are Davis, Palmer, Wolfe, Angove and Helsel.

Angove commented that the Budweiser Championship team was so successful because, "the team was made up of some of the best bowlers in Grayling."

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A GOOD MONTH — South paw, Al Angove's smooth style earned him numerous awards in the past month, including breaking a 35-year old Legion Lanes record. Photo by Cheryll Ruley



WINNING PAIR — Dan Canfield and Brian Palmer were first place winners of the West Branch 9 Pin No-Tap Tournament. Spanning more than three months and involving teams from all over Michigan, Canfield and Palmer were awarded plaques and \$1,200 in prize money, with a combined total of 1,711.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

OPEN GYM - The Fred Bear Memorial Center Gym is open on Tuesdays for K-2nd grade and Thursdays for 3rd-6th grade, 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and the cost is \$2 per person.

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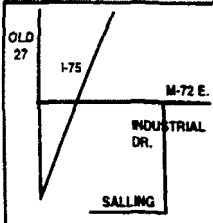
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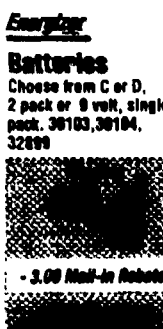
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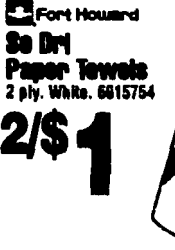
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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE TO GRAYLING TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND CONTRACTORS

Grayling Township has been approved to administer and enforce the state mechanical and plumbing codes beginning February 16, 1998. Any mechanical and plumbing permits required for work within Grayling Township will be issued from the Grayling Township Building Department and inspections required on these permits will be performed by the township inspector starting February 16, 1998. Permits issued by the state prior to this date will be completed by the state inspector.

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NOTICE SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 3rd, 1998, at 7 pm.

TO MEET WITH TAXPAYERS: Monday, March 9th, 1998, 9 am till 12 noon and 1-4 pm; Thursday, March 12th, 1998, 1-4 pm & 5:30-8:30 pm.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

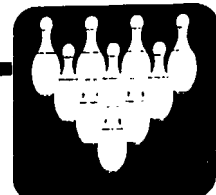
Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following: Laura Smith, clerk, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653. (517) 275-8232.

Posted on: January 29, 1998
 Laura Smith, Clerk

-12-19-26

BOWLING LEAGUE

Triangle League	National First
Milltown Carpet.....24-8	Northern White Tail.....14
Airway Automation.....19-13	Moore's Auto Parts.....13
Moshier Auto.....17-15	Legion & D. Ross Const.....10
Barber Construction.....16-16	Forest Brothers.....10
A Team.....15-17	City Environmental.....6
C.S.I.....15-17	Corky's D.J. & Karaoke.....5
Jackson Trio.....13-19	Weyerhaeuser.....5
Cal Schreiber Bldr.....9-23	Guns & Grubs.....1
High Game: B. Hurd, 247, 211; G. Miller, 244; M. Sumner, 212, 211.	High Game: B. Palmer, 268,255, 237; A. Angove, 247; B. McClanahan, 232.
High Series: B. Hurd, 622; M. Sumner, 590; G. Miller, 580.	High Series: B. Palmer, 760; A. Angove, 682; D. Canfield, 635.
American Men's League	Northwood League
Red Barn.....32-10	Helsel Brothers.....21
Burnside RV.....27-15	Wakeley's Auto Parts.....19.5
Stitches by Sue.....22-20	Rich's Cycle Service.....19
Upper Lakes.....21-21	R & M Masonary.....14
Fenton's Auto.....21-21	Millikin's.....13.5
Buccilli's.....16-26	R. Calkins & Sons.....11
Northwood Land.....16-26	Milltown Carpet.....7
McLean's Ace.....13-29	Rochette's.....7
High Game: D. Canfield, 238; B. Hurd, 215; R. Pyle, 213.	High Game: L. Holtcamp, 220; S. Romain, 208, 198; P. D'Amour, 191.
High Series: D. Canfield, 592; B. Hurd, 573; P. Faustman, 571.	High Series: S. Romain, 577; L. Holtcamp, 547; Patty D'Amour, 530.
Pioneer League	
Custom Interior.....20-8	
Ginger's.....19-9	
Chemical Bank.....15-13	
Millikin's.....14-14	
Mercy Hospital.....14-14	
Avalanche.....11-17	
Aunt Betty's.....10-18	
Lady Slippers.....9-19	
High Game: S. Sumner, 202; H. Spencer, 189; G. Reichelderfer, 183.	
High Series: K. Moshier, 515; K. Trudeau, 502; N. Glasslee, 493.	



Senior Citizens League

Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us.....48.5-35.5
 Baynam Wood Products.....46.5-37.5
 Buccilli's Pizza.....46-38
 Totten's Body Shop.....42-42
 Cornell Realty.....41.5-42.5
 Stevens Family Circle.....41-43
 Flowers By Josie.....36.5-47.5
 Sylvester's Sports.....34-50
 Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 222; K. Harris, 204; L. Essiambre, 201.
 Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 549; L. Essiambre, 530; K. Harris, 515.
 Women's High Game: R. Stimpson, 182; L. Ochalek, 176; M. Tarr, B. Barrett, 162.
 Women's High Series: L. Ochalek, 473; R. Stimpson, 465; M. Tarr, 454.

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Us & Them.....24-8
 Suttles Truck Leasing.....21-11
 Computer Services.....21-11
 M.M.L.D.....20-12
 C.S.I.....16-16
 Gary's Drywall.....13-19
 R & M Masonry.....10-22
 Bye.....2-26
 Men's High Game: D. Steffes, 241; L. Davis, 208; R. Moshier, 201.
 Men's High Series: L. Davis, 608; R. Moshier, 561; D. Steffes, 515.
 Women's High Game: M. Starks, 189; J. Hinds, 186; J. Wilde, Y. Schreiber, 184.
 Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 503; Y. Schreiber, 500; J. Wilde, 495.

Recreation League

Glen's Market.....18-10
 Peterson Saw Service.....17-11
 North Country R.V.....15-13
 Mickey Perez CPA.....15-13
 Fun-N-Sun Rental.....13.5-14.5
 Mark 8.....12-16
 Scheer Motors.....11.5-16.5
 Cornell's.....10-18
 High Game: P. Petrosky, 221; P. Terry, 194; J. Hinds, 190.
 High Series: P. Petrosky, 542; P. Terry, 536; J. Hinds, 523.

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Charles Country Corner.....25-7
 Suttles.....22-10
 Aunt Betty's.....19-13
 Moshier Auto Repair.....16-16
 AJD Forest Products.....14-18
 A. Bulldog Towing.....14-18
 Fick & Sons.....11-21
 Sawmill.....7-25
 Men's High Game: R. Schreiber, 245; R. Moshier, 208, 178; R. Biskirk, 177.
 Men's High Series: R. Schreiber, 551; R. Moshier, 518; M. Sumner, 499.
 Women's High Game: S. Sumner, 224; K. Trudeau, 182; S. Rioux, 177.
 Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 510; S. Sumner, 505; K. Trudeau, 492.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League

Sawmill II.....154
 Sawmill I.....126
 Legion.....119
 Fredric Inn.....116
 Plaza.....108
 Spikes.....97
 5 ball run.....Audrey H. & Sandy P. of Legion.

THANK YOU

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who made my extraordinary trip to Australia possible. This includes my wonderful parents, family, friends, Derek & Denise McEvers, Pat and Paul Hill, all of those who donated green slips, and especially my dance instructor, Louise Tournaud, whose dedication, guidance, friendship and superior knowledge of dance have helped me reach for my goals and succeed far beyond my dreams.

Sincerely,
 Jill St. Germain

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community news items submitted to the Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in our Wednesday issue.

Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by Friday noon to be considered for the next issue. Please use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid in advance or they will not be published. Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday, 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday, 5 p.m.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Arthur A. SCHMIDT, single person and Dawn M. ATCHISON, a single person (Original Mortgages) to UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated October 6, 1993 and recorded on October 13, 1993 in Liber 366, on Page 511, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION as assignee, by an assignment dated November 28, 1997 which was recorded on January 22, 1998 in Liber 445, on Page 599, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen And 12/100 dollars (\$32,513.12), including interest at 10.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, March 18, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP of GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel A: The West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Parcel B: That part of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, lying North of State Highway M-72, in Section 16, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Parcel C: That part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying North of State Highway M-72.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 5, 1998
 UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION
 FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
 (248) 642-4202
 Trot & Trot, P.C.
 Attorneys for UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION,
 30150 Telegraph
 Suite 100
 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
 File # 98010152

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NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 3, 1998, at 1 pm, at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 1998 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 9, 1998, and Wednesday, March 11, 1998, 9 am to 12 noon and 1 to 4 pm, at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township.

CLASS	FACTOR
Agricultural	1.0395
Commercial	1.0169
Industrial	1.0000
Residential	1.1660

Lee Riley
 Township Supervisor

-12-19-26

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 97 4199 CK (M)
 CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, Plaintiff
 VS
 HOWARD D. BERGER, TERRY E. BERGER, MARTIN P. POTZGER AND GEORGIA L. POTZGER, DEFENDANTS
 David R. Sabin P19822
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 115 Michigan Avenue
 Grayling, MI 49738
 (517) 348-5588

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that by virtue of a Judgement of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, Michigan, dated December 1, 1997, directing the sale of the following-described property, I shall offer the said property for public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan in Crawford County, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court on Friday, February 20, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

The West 60 feet of Lot 2, Block 3, Brink's Second Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof, and the attached mobile home, Serial No. 0292, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

Dated: 1-15-98

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

File No. 98-005, 792-IE
 Estate of John M. Porter, deceased 370-36-0869.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 10795 Arrow Drive, Route #3 Box 3255-C, Grayling MI 49738 died November 30, 1997.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Michelle Klawitter, 3775 Flora Vista Avenue #507, Santa Clara, CA 95051, or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Terry L. Berens (P41576)
 James C. DeVries (P47508)
 513 Baldwin Street
 Jenison, MI 49428
 (616) 457-9290

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NOTICE ACCEPTING BIDS FOR 1998 CAMPGROUND MAINTENANCE

Be advised the Crawford County Parks & Recreation Committee are now accepting bids for the 1998 seasonal maintenance of Wakeley, Canoe and White Pines Campground. Please note bidders must supply garbage bags and any additional supplies to furnish suitable maintenance. Acceptance of bids will run through March 6, 1998, and can be submitted to the Parks & Recreation Committee c/o the Crawford County Clerk, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

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FACTS AND FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of February 15-21

ARIES March 21-April 20

Try to schedule an interview with a person who could let you know the ins and outs of a job you've been interested in learning. Before you make any commitments, consider all of the relevant information. Don't speak before you think about what making a change might mean at home.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

You have natural leadership, and others will depend on it this week. Use your knowledge to solve some problems that might not be apparent to the people in charge. Pour everything you have into the problems you find, but don't slack off. If you do, it will show.

GEMINI May 22-June 21

Business matters could yield rich rewards if you pay attention. You could learn more by doing than watching. If you take some time to look at your options with a loved one, it could generate some new ideas for your future. Give in to your sweet tooth and enjoy.

CANCER June 22-July 22

What seems tough right now may not seem so bad tomorrow. Stay focused on what you're doing and don't let the bad news take you further down than you already are. Look for motivation at home. Spend a little time doing something foolish.

LEO July 23-August 23

A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest of men. Don't be afraid to take a pie in the face this week if it will improve the moral of those around you. It might even make you smile. A lateral move right now might be more productive for you in the long run.

VIRGO August 24-September 22

The benefits of variety in your life are going to be apparent this week. You can avoid burnout if you take the time to learn a new skill. Don't hesitate to ask for the help you would normally avoid seeking. You could miss out on more than the immediate benefits of finding the answers to those questions.

LIBRA September 23-October 23

You've had something on the back burner for a while and it may be nearing the boiling point. Don't forget to check on it. Tough decisions may offer you profits. Life at home is going to get very turbulent for a while, but expect that to settle as the week ends. This is a good time for travel.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22

It will be time to weigh your options when a dilemma presents itself. Be very careful that the easy way out is the right way out. Poor strategies could cost you now and later. Use spare time to work off stress. Toys aren't just for children—buy yourself something you wanted but never received as a child.

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21

You might be within reach of a goal you thought was unattainable. Don't let it slip between your fingers when you realize how close you are. This is the time for a poker face. Showing your cards too soon could cost you dearly. Play it safe.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20

Adopting the right perspective can clarify a situation that's been muddled until now. Black-and-white decisions are more easily made. Romantic antics are unlikely this week, but don't let it affect your work. You'll have time to play this weekend.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18

Unusual circumstances could strengthen a relationship that appeared tenuous. Trust your instincts, and don't get so wrapped up in your excitement that you lose perspective. Your thoughts are best kept to yourself this week. Saying the wrong thing at the wrong time could be a huge mistake.

PISCES February 19-March 20

Blazing a path sometimes means you're going to get cut, but don't give up. Your inner compass is aimed directly North. Trust it and you'll find the clearing you've been looking for. Now is the time to start that long-neglected project.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Recipe for a Romantic Dinner

Cornish Hens with Carolina Mustard Sauce

4 cornish hens (1 lb., 6 oz. each), giblets removed, split lengthwise
Salt

Carolina Mustard Sauce

1/2 C. melted butter
1/2 C. cider vinegar
1/2 C. sugar, or to taste
1/2 C. prepared mustard
1-2 t. freshly ground black pepper, or to taste
2 T Worcestershire sauce

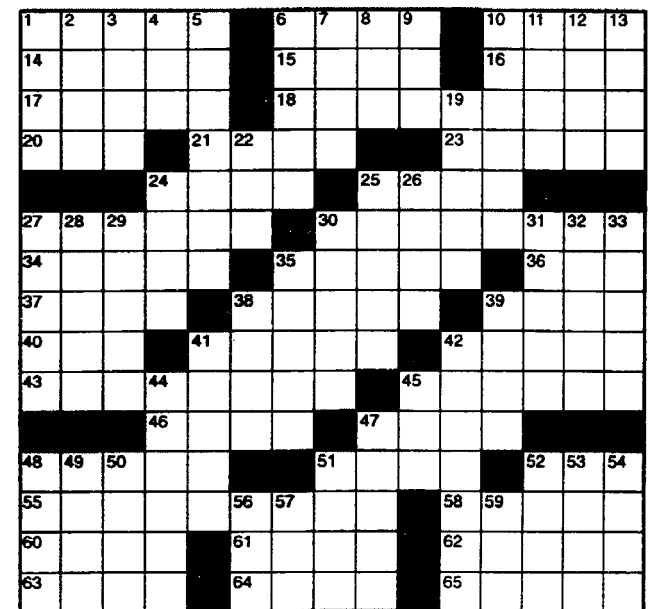


Preheat oven to 375°F. Wash cornish hens, pat dry and place in a greased baking dish, skin side up. Bake for 30 minutes. While hens cook, make mustard sauce by combining butter, vinegar, mustard, pepper and Worcestershire sauce.

After 30 minutes, remove hens from oven and discard pan juices. Dip each hen half in mustard sauce and return to baking dish, skin side up. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F, cover hens and bake for an additional 30 minutes. Remove cover and baste with sauce. Bake 10 to 15 minutes, or until juices are clear when thickest part of drumstick is pierced. Makes 6-8 servings.



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ACROSS

1. Jeans fabric
6. The Burmese (Japanese film)
10. Handle
14. Summon
15. Fencing blade
16. Corn-producing state
17. Roof overhangs
18. Rejects unpleasant memories
20. Genetic element: abbr.
21. Palmist
23. Liturgical affirmatives
24. Hunter and Holm
25. Grow weary
27. Patsy
30. Midday
34. Debate
35. Gapes
36. What Abner isn't (Keaton film)
38. Bees' homes
39. Locate
40. Maria
41. Lassooed
42. Support
43. Guard
45. Guide
46. Actor Montand
47. Sunni, e.g.
48. Luigi's love
51. Dennis the Menace's girlfriend

DOWN

1. Gentle creature
2. The Blackboard Jungle author Hunter
3. Bossa
4. Marlene's mate
5. Communicate
6. Toast start
7. Initiator
8. Congressman: abbr.
9. Part of RPM
10. Destiny
11. Before bag or cone
12. A Prayer For (John Irving)
13. Opera voice
19. Deserves
22. Opposite of WSW
24. Chits
25. Pulled
26. Electric particles
27. Epics
28. Treasure
29. Utah city

30. Omphalos
31. Homer opus
32. Beat around the bush
33. Presbyterian
35. Scared sounds
38. Sharpen, as a razor
39. College gp.
41. Mississippi or Colorado
42. Mom's impatient response
44. Oppressive ruler
45. Author Deighton
47. Billboards
48. English furniture designer
49. Reminder
50. Fall birthstone
51. Punkie
52. Sea-bottom creatures
53. The look of love?
54. Dandelion, e.g.
56. Iced
57. Valetudarian
59. RR stop

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO February 6, 1975

50th year for the Grayling Winter Sports Festival. Ice sculptures, ski races, a canoe race, snowfari, arts and crafts, window art, exhibitions (skating and skiing), and the Miss Grayling Winter Sports Pageant all part of the festivals 50th celebration.

Miss Grayling Winter Sports Festival contestants were: Deborah Babbitt, Penny Ann Rosin, Wendy Gee, Julie Goss, Bridget Hoffman, Marlie Weaver, Linda Labo, Martha Geoit, Kimberlie Pelto and Christine LaMotte.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Huss of Grayling on Jan. 30, a daughter, Susan Linley, weighing 6 lbs. 8 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacey Stephan moved into their new home the first of December. It is located directly behind his mother's home on North Down River Road.

46 YEARS AGO February 7, 1952

Miss Shirley Jensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jensen from Hartwick Pines, was chosen winner of Crawford County Cherry Pie Baking Contest. The contest was held Feb. 26 in the Home Economics room at the Grayling High School.

An eight man Gaylord boxing team surprised fight fans last Saturday evening in Petoskey by winning three semi-final and four final matches to take the Northern Michigan Golden Gloves Tournament team title. Two thousand boxing fans were on hand to witness the bouts. Clarence "Curly" LaMotte, who trains with the Gaylord group, won the feather-weight championship.

Ralph Hunter and DeVere Wolcott have enlisted in the navy and left on the midnight Tuesday for Great Lakes, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Bailey are the parents of a baby girl born at

Mercy Hospital on Feb. 1.

About 75 were present at the party held at the Town Hall on Saturday night, honoring Dick Reava who has enlisted in the Army and will be leaving this week.

Bob Cassidy of Frederic went to Fort Wayne, Detroit, Sunday for a physical examination for the Air Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. William Moshier spent Wednesday and Thursday last week in Grand Rapids attending a showing of the commercial Frigidaire line held at the Hotel Rowe. They spent the weekend in Flint attending the Diamond Jubilee open house of Gibson products.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clough and son Kerry have left for Florida to spend two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Russell expect to leave Sunday to attend the North American Beauty and Fashion Show being held at the Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit on Feb. 10, 11, and 12th.

69 YEARS AGO February 7, 1929

Winter Carnival Great Success: Little Miss Dorothy May was crowned by Mr. Hanson. Assisting him were Clarence Johnson, who built the slide, Fred R. Welsh, Laverne Cushman and Anthony Nelson. The queen with Elizabeth Matson, Pauline Lietz, Margaret Warren, Mary Esther Schumann, Irene Randolph, Annabelle Harris, Ellen Gothro and Jean Throne, maids of honor made the first descent of the slide. A program of sports contests were also held. Laverne Cushman won the men's snowshoe race and Libbie Matson the ladies. Yvonne SanCartier won the girls ski race. Don Kangas the boys and Anton Kangas the mens. Mary Schumann's team won the tug of war. Prizes awarded the winners were from the Carl Peterson Jewelry Store.

The Charity Ball was held Friday

and a number of guests from out of town were present.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ried and daughter of West Branch were numbered among the merry makers at the slide Sunday.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Feldhauser are having a siege of the whooping cough.

Joseph Nichols of South Branch Township took advantage of the fine weather to come to town on business and to visit with his daughter, Mrs. E. LaBrash Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P.L. Brown welcomed several of their children for over the weekend. Those who were here were: Otto Brown of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trude of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Strehl of East Jordan.

Miss Irene McKay, supervisor at Mercy Hospital returned from Lansing Monday, where she had attended a nurses meeting.

Misses Calla Brott and Iva Howse donned their hiking togs Tuesday afternoon and walked out to Beaver Creek and visited the former's father, Alton Brott, on the Failing farm.

92 YEARS AGO February 8, 1906

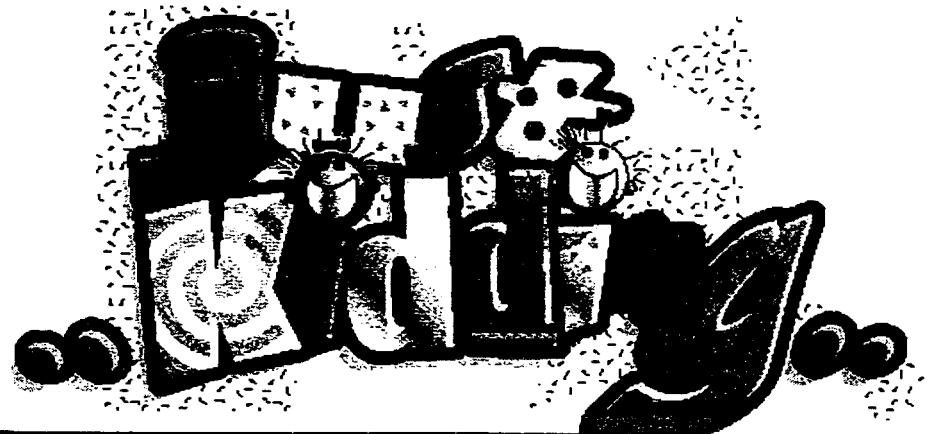
Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. Ward of Frederic a daughter.

Dr. Merriman has been in Gladwin this week after his household effects, having secured a house near the Danish church.

Amos Pearsall has gone to Frederic to run the American House.

The races at the ice rink last Saturday were the best ever. The first prize was won by Wilfred Laurant and the second by S. Hanson, 1/2 mile, time 1:52. There was a heap of fun in the hurdle race in which "Baby Reagan" got his first prize and Oscar Hanson the second in 2:30.

Blizzard came Saturday, Feb. 3, and raged all day.



SEEK AND FIND

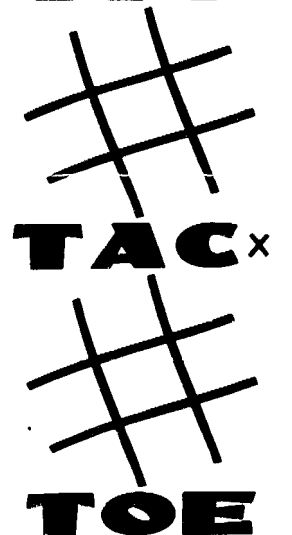
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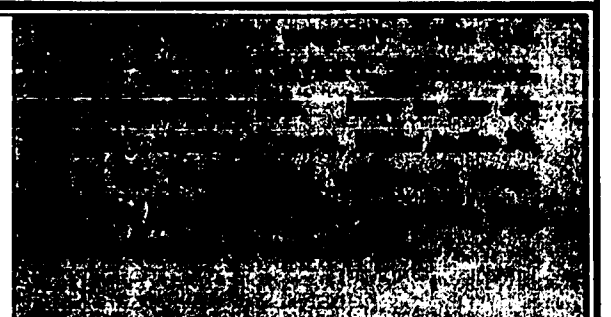


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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

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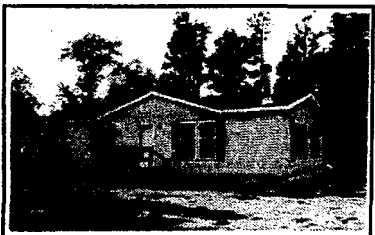
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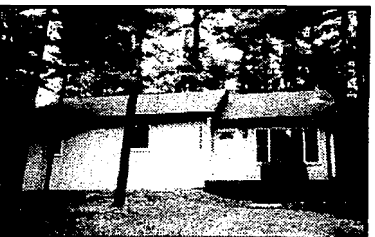
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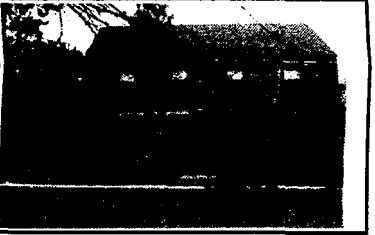
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3060 JONES LAKE ROAD 1.4 acres on blacktop, only minutes from Grayling. New, three bedrooms, two baths, vaulted drywall ceilings with skylights, fireplace, doorwall onto deck. Appliances included, energy-efficient 6" side-walls, ins., crawl, vinyl thermo windows, less than replacement at \$54,000 CH-285



RANCH-STYLE HOME nestled amongst virgin pines on approximately one acre +/- Features include 917 sq. ft., LP forced-air heat, two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, wood-stove in living room, walk-out patio door off dining area onto deck. Dishwasher, garbage disposal and washer/dryer included. Blacktop drive, two-car detached garage. New plumbing, electric and furnace, roof four years old. Thousands of acres federal land with Wakeley Lake across the road. AuSable River 1/2 mile, country store 1 1/2 miles. Reduced, \$54,500. CS-629



STATELY 'COLONIAL' NESTLED IN A SECLUDED SETTING LESS THAN ONE MILE FROM CITY LIMITS. Current decor and custom built-ins add special charm to this home. All appliances, six-panel wood doors, 2,500-sq. ft., four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room, bonus room, master bedroom suite, fireplace. Full, unfinished attic, screen porch, circled concrete drive. Additional property available with barn. \$153,000 CH-457



COUNTRY PURE AND SIMPLE This 1,352 sq. ft. home offers gas heat, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Oak kitchen cabinets with 2 lazy susans, walk-in pantry, water softener, large living room/dining room combination, 2 bay windows, new 8x12 shed, 28x14 carport. Air conditioning. County-maintained road. \$54,000 CS-666



RENTAL/COMMERCIAL BUILDING with view of AuSable River and I-75 Business Loop exposure. Building offers 1,248 sq. ft., kitchenette, bath, office and large display area. This property offers many possibilities. \$39,000 bank financing, or \$54,000 owner financing. CH-698



100' OF FRONTAGE ON BEAUTIFUL CUB LAKE! ENTERTAINING IS PART OF THE REAL JOY OF OWNING THIS LAKEFRONT HOME. Three to four bedrooms, two baths, 1,824 sq. ft., open floor plan dramatizes kitchen, dining room and living room. Walk-out doorwall onto deck with fantastic view of Cub Lake. Kitchen offers breakfast bar, lazy susan. Cub Lake is a 53-acre lake with good swimming and fishing, and a sandy bottom. \$149,000. CS-665



SECLUDED RIVERFRONT HOME OFFERS 1,600 sq. ft. Two bedrooms with hardwood floors, living room offers knotty pine walls, two garages, two basements with separate entrances, cyclone-fenced yard, fenced garden area, beautiful mixture of trees with babbling creek running through, 100' on the famed "Holy Waters" of the AuSable Mainstream, on 3.63 acres. Reduced to \$85,000. CS-493



INTERESTED IN OWNING your own northern Michigan bar and grille? Near proposed new golf community. Class C license, patio license, take out, dance permit and Sunday sales. Seating capacity of 80 customers. Equipment and fixtures included L/C assumption. Price reduced, \$165,000 CH-544

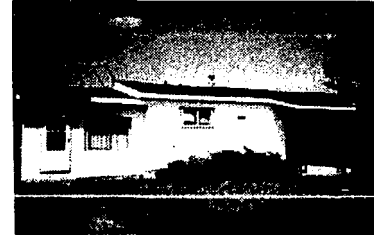


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180' AUSSABLE RIVER FRONTAGE This beautiful home has approximately 180' of AuSable River frontage and 150' of road frontage, and is a 1 1/2-story with a walk-out basement. Interior has wainscoting, paneling and sheet rock, with Andersen and Acorn windows. Kitchen has ceramic tile at entrance, with french doors. Reduced, \$225,000. CS-287



HIGH VISIBILITY/COMMERCIAL BUILDING Located in downtown retail district. Recent updates, front and rear parking. Building contains 2,196 sq. ft. of retail space, plus 540 sq. ft. basement for storage. Original tin ceilings in the charm of an era past. \$115,000. Real estate only. Immediate occupancy. CH-658



TALKING HOUSE

CHECK THIS OUT Neat and clean home located on a double lot with fenced yard, close to town. Over 1,000 sq. ft. with three bedrooms, one bath, spacious dining room, first-floor utility, natural gas and conveniently located. This great buy can be yours for only \$40,500 CS-641



RENTAL INCOME PROPERTY Two units ready for occupancy, third apartment requiring work. 24'x32' garage, surrounded by federal lands, located on M-93 near Lake Margrethe. Excellent location, needs some TLC. Call today! Price reduced, \$52,000. CH-675

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AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES Large wooded lots, a log home association development. Park, cable, underground utilities, near AuSable River and Kneff Lake. Land contract terms by owner. Contact 517-348-7355, Grayling. 12/29/97tf/1

1. Real Estate

HOME FOR SALE by owner. Newly remodeled, large kitchen with oak cupboards, stove, refrigerator, large living room, three bedrooms, laundry room, two car garage, close to town. 344-2313. -12-19/1

1. Real Estate

THREE BEDROOM 2 1/2 car attached garage, new furnace and roof, on three acres, five miles east of town. \$62,500. 348-7218. -5-12-19-26/1

FOR SALE BY OWNER in town, low maintenance house. Two bedrooms up, one bedroom down, one bath, kitchen with dining area, full finished basement, den, family room, kitchen. All new appliances, carpet, window treatments. Lots of storage area. For details call 1-616-592-0320. LR3/12/98/1

AUSABLE RIVER home on Wendy Lane. Lovely four bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Chalet. Fireplace, attached 1 1/2 car garage, furnished. Beautiful setting on 10 acres with 175 ft. frontage. Owner very anxious. Reduced to \$139,000. Call Hamrick Real Estate Co. P.C. Phone or fax, 517-348-5433, evenings 348-8336. 12/18/97tf/1

NEWLY BUILT three bedroom, attached garage, 1 1/2 bath, Karen Woods Sub., 6174 Libby. 348-4840. -12-19/1

THREE BEDROOM 1 1/2 baths, with deeded Lake Margrethe access, \$79,900. Call State Wide, 1-800-968-7978. -12-19-26-5/1

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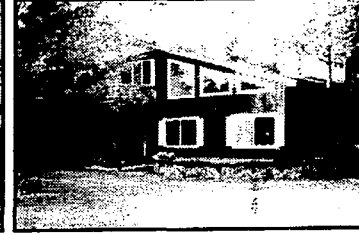


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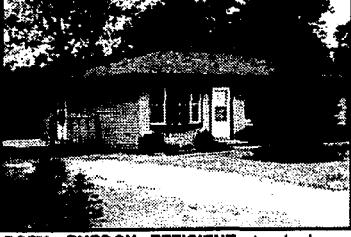
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THIS RECENTLY-REMODELED six-bedroom house has over 3,200 sq. ft., with a game room, fireplace, wet bar and another building used as an antique shop with a transferrable special-use permit. Located close to the AuSable North Branch. \$115,000. Call Gary at (517) 348-1102. #GB-451



COZY, ENERGY EFFICIENT, two-bedroom home close to Grayling High School. New deck, roof, siding and storm doors. Must see to appreciate. Priced to sell with added bonus! 2 FREE ROUND-TRIP AIRLINE TICKETS within contiguous US and/or Canada to buyer upon closing. \$54,000. #JG-532

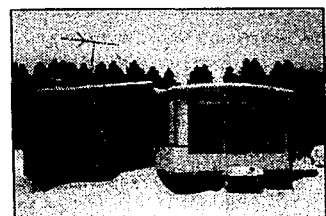


THIS SUPERBLY-MAINTAINED, FOUR-BEDROOM HOME offers 2,200 sq. ft., 2 1/2 baths and a huge garage. It sets on two parcels of 6.16 acres with lots of hardwood and large pine trees, and extensive landscaping. \$89,900. Call Gary at (517) 348-1102. #KM-562

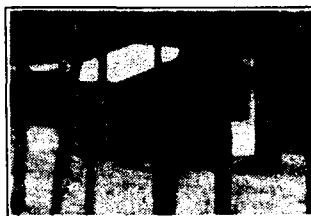
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TWO-BEDROOM MOBILE with 9x26 addition with woodburner, 1 1/2 acres, close to state land and snowmobile trails. \$29,900. (SG-30)



CHASE BRIDGE ROAD Great little cabin on a county-maintained road. Cabin is 480 sq. ft., bath with a path, furnished and is in "as-is" condition. Good hunting area. \$24,900. (MC-521)



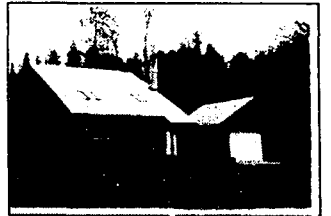
AUSABLE WOODS This beautiful new home is ready to move in! It has 1,512 sq. ft., four bedrooms, two full baths, 20x22 finished garage. Must see to appreciate. \$112,000. (LM-954)



HOME WITH ACREAGE Over 1,700 sq. ft. with three bedrooms, two baths, woodburner, large garage and carport, root cellar and satellite dish. Extra well for garden and lawn. Excellent condition. \$96,000. Reduced, \$89,900. (DL-55)

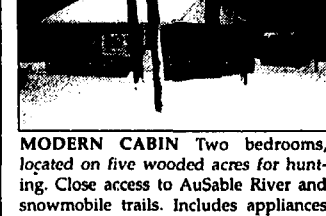


COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE on Old-27 North (Business Loop 1-75). Six rental units on 300' frontage. Excellent gross with possibilities for a business and living quarters, and other rental units. Owner financing. \$93,000. (FS-25)

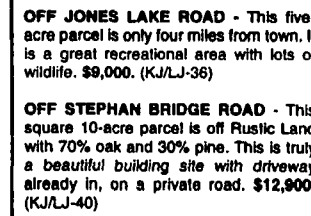


THREE-BEDROOM, ONE-BATH SALTBOX Walking distance to the North Branch, 2 1/2 acres with great hunting. Large garage with work area. Electric heat and economical stove. Near state land. \$49,900. (SG-27)

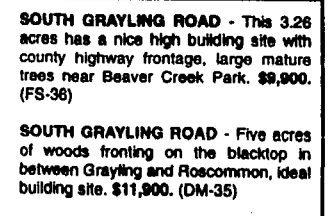
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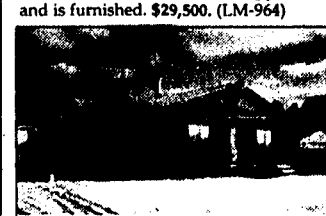
OFF JONES LAKE ROAD - This five-acre parcel is only four miles from town. It is a great recreational area with lots of wildlife. \$9,000. (KJ/LJ-36)



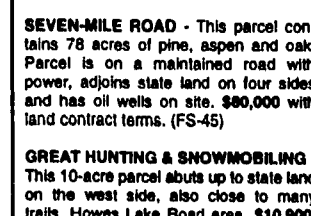
OFF STEPHAN BRIDGE ROAD - This square 10-acre parcel is off Rustic Land with 70% oak and 30% pine. This is truly a beautiful building site with driveway already in, on a private road. \$12,900. (KJ/LJ-40)



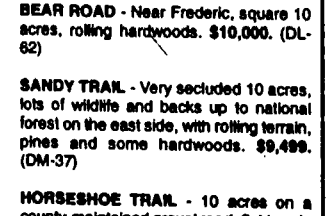
SOUTH GRAYLING ROAD - Five acres of woods fronting on the blacktop in between Grayling and Roscommon, ideal building site. \$11,900. (DM-35)



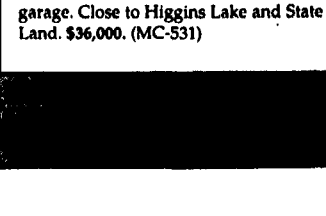
SEVEN-MILE ROAD - This parcel contains 78 acres of pine, aspen and oak. Parcel is on a maintained road with power, adjoins state land on four sides and has oil wells on site. \$80,000 with land contract terms. (FS-45)



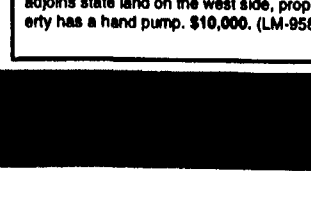
GREAT HUNTING & SNOWMOBILING - This 10-acre parcel abuts up to state land on the west side, also close to many trails. Howes Lake Road area. \$10,900. (DL-84)



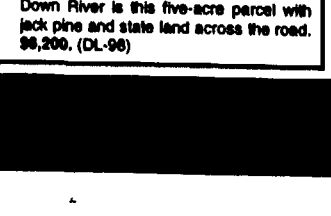
BEAR ROAD - Near Frederic, square 10 acres, rolling hardwoods. \$10,000. (DL-62)



ROY-L-ESTATES is the location of this home or cabin. Features two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, wood heater and a 16x20 garage. Close to Higgins Lake and State Land. \$36,000. (MC-531)



GRAYLING TOWNSHIP - this 10-acre parcel has a nice variety of trees and adjoins state land on the west side, property has a hand pump. \$10,000. (LM-958)



HORSESHOE TRAIL - 10 acres on a county-maintained gravel road, flat terrain with pine and oak. Electric at the road. \$10,800. (BK-42)

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FOR SALE OR RENT Two-three bedroom, vinyl sided, partial log home. New 4" well, furnace and carpet. Near AuSable River state land. Contact 517-348-7355.
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2. For Rent

FOR RENT: House on Lake Margrethe. Two bedrooms, two baths, \$600 plus utilities and security deposit. Call 348-8953 after 6 p.m.
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8106 INSLEY, near Lake Margrethe, two bedroom home with att. garage, \$450 monthly, sec. dep. No pets.. Call Craig Hinkle, 348-7440 for application.
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10/9/97tf/3

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-5-12-19/3

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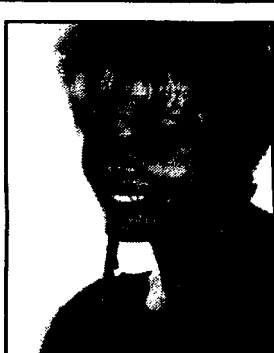
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2. For Rent

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-5-12/2

FOR RENT two bedroom duplex in Viking Village, \$600 a month, no pets. Includes lawn maintenance, snowplowing and trash pick-up. Call Peggy at 616-946-8772.
2/12/98tf/2

ROOM FOR RENT \$300 a month plus deposit, utilities included. References required! Call after 5 p.m. 348-7853.
-12-19/2

MOBILE HOME Two bedrooms, \$300 monthly plus security. Please call 348-2458. Thanks.
-12-19/2

DOWNTOWN STUDIO APARTMENT for rent. 402 Peninsular, \$275 per month plus utilities. Great for single working person. Call 348-7143.
-12-19-26/2

The **GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION** is taking applications for family three-bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% gross income. Utilities are included in the rent.

Qualifications:
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2. good credit history
3. family size appropriate for each apartment size

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Rent Range:

Family of 2:	\$107 - \$555	Maximum income \$22,700
Family of 3:	\$125 - \$615	Maximum income \$25,550
Family of 4:	\$150 - \$674	Maximum income \$28,400



THE GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION

11/19/97/2

3. Employment

BIG BUCKS BREWERY has openings for wait staff, line cooks and server assistants. Flexible hours, excellent pay. Apply in person in Gaylord, Thursday's from 2-4 p.m. -12-18/3

SALES POSITION AVAILABLE

FARM BUREAU INSURANCE, has a career opportunity for you in Grayling. I will be interviewing men and women who are interested in securing a full-time, multi-line agent position. You will become licensed, in life, auto, home and commercial insurance, with one of the most familiar names in insurance for Michigan. We offer advanced training, licensing, salary, commissions, bonuses and a very nice benefit package. Insurance experience is not necessary, but prior sales, and some college preferred. Call 1-517-731-0052 to set up a confidential interview.



3. Employment

SURVEYING FIRM seeks experienced field personnel. Previous work with boundary surveying and data collection helpful. Salary commensurate with experience. Full time with benefits. Send resume to: Mitchell and Associates, 512 W. Main, Gaylord, MI 49735. -12/3

WANTED SUMMER BABYSITTER for my three children ages eight and twin five year olds. Three to five days during the week, hours very (days): Grayling area. Your own transportation nice but not necessary. References required. If interested contact 517-348-9353 and leave message, or mail letter of interest with references and pay requirements to 775-E County Rd 612, Grayling, MI 49738. 12-19-26-5/3

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3. Employment

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION Position: Middle School Spring Play Director. Description: The play director will report to the building principal. The director will be responsible for the selection, casting, rehearsals and all phases of the production of the spring play. Additional duties include advertising, public relations and financial responsibilities of the production. Spring casting will be March 3, 4 and 5, with the middle school play on May 8 and 9, 1998. Qualifications: Experience in dramatic production as on stage, directing, or in productions. Salary: According to the terms of the Master Agreement. Apply to: Kent S. Reynolds, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable School District, 403 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. (517) 348-7641. Deadline: February 20, 1998. Crawford AuSable School District, Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Statement. -12-19/3

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3. Employment

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5. For Sale

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FOR SALE Bostich coil framing nailer and nails works, good, \$150. Phone 517-348-7853. -12/5

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6. Wanted

WANTED small to medium upright freezer in good condition. Call 348-5511. -12/6

7. Miscellaneous

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-22-29-5-12/8

SPIKE'S now has lunch specials. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mon. - Fri.
-1/22/98t/8

DADDY, Mommy said she was going to have a brilliant, good looking hunk for her Valentine. Will you be mine too? I love you. Love, your little angel, Bethany Madalyn Rose.
-12/8

STOP INTO THE SAWMILL for our home made soups and check out our menu. (Take out available).
-12-19/8

CHECK THE SAWMILL out for Pool-Darts-Fooze Ball. Entertainment Fri. and Sat. nights.
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-29-5-12-19/8

9. Personals

GUESS WHO'S TURNING 40?

**ROSES ARE RED
VIOLETS ARE BLUE
SHE HAS AN OLD CAT
THAT GOES BY MANDU**

**WE CALL HER THE QUEEN
SO LET IT BE SEEN
THAT THE OLD GAL
IS TURNING 40 ON FEB. 15**

**MARTHA, LUCY AND LADY B
ARE JUST A FEW NAMES
FITTING TO THEE
NOW FOLLOW ALONG TO SEE
WHO THIS LOVELY LADY COULD BE**

**DYSFUNCTION JUNCTION
IN WHERE SHE RESIDES
WITH BED AND BREAKFAST
AT RIVERSIDE**

**SHE ONCE WAS ABLE TO
DANCE A JIG
BEFORE RIDING COAST TO COAST
IN HER KENWORTH RIG**

**SHE ONCE USED TO WEAVE
BEAUTIFUL BASKETS
THAT WAS BEFORE
SHE WAS READY FOR A CASKET**

**HER SIGHT WILL BE
THE NEXT THING TO GO
NOW THAT SHE'S TURNING
THE BIG 4-0!**

**SHE WILL ALWAYS BE
OUR QUEEN OF HEARTS
EVEN THOUGH SHE IS MARRIED
TO A REAL OLD FART**

**DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?
CAN YOU FIGURE THIS OUT?
IF SO, IT'S TIME TO
STAND UP AND SHOUT**

"HAPPY 40TH CHERI HUNTER"
-12/9

9. Personals

HAPPY 45TH ANNIVERSARY Chuck and Ann Stoddard. From a close friend, Bill.
-12/9

GOOD LUCK in your new business adventure. Joe, Ken, Glenda and Dawn.
-12/9

Happy 50th Jim

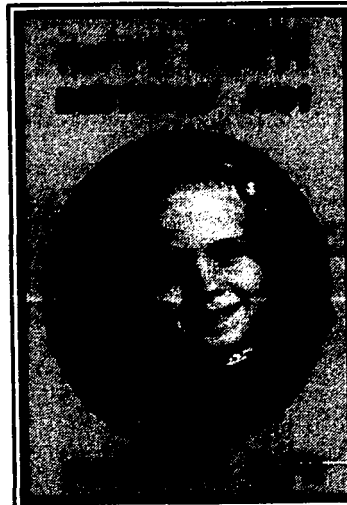


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Your Family & Friends**

9. Personals

YES THERE IS such a thing as a free lunch. See Wendy's ad in this edition.
-12-19/9

AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811



10. Garage Sales

CRAFT SHOW/BAKE SALE. Sponsored by the Grayling American Legion Auxiliary at Grayling Post (back door) on Saturday March 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 517-348-1369 or 348-1228.
-12-19-26-5/10

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE Frederic Elementary, Saturday, February 14th., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Winter clothes, kitchen items, children and adult clothing, books for all ages. Lots more priced to sell. Benefits playground.
-12/10

10. Garage Sales

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,
10 am to 4 pm • Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

11. Automotive

11. Automotive

NOTICE

Sealed bids for seven transportation vehicles will be accepted until 4 pm Friday, February 13, 1998. Specifications are available at Crawford AuSable School District, 403 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI.
-5-12/11

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For My Valentine

**Happy
Valentine's Day**
Grandma &
Grandpa Krey
and
Grandma &
Grandpa Scheer
We love you,
Heather, Cris &
Mason

**CHERYL, TO BE MY
VALENTINE** for just one
day would make me happy.
23 years have gone since
then, my heart must ask you
once again. Be my Valentine?
Don

**Steve and Sean,
My two favorite
Valentine's. I love you
both very much, Ruth**

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S
DAY** to our sweet Mom,
Elma Combs, from your
sweet Kids, Jerry, Mike,
Roger, Nita, and Carol

**Happy Valentines
Day Daddy & Mommy.**
And to all whom I love
& care for!



**A Belated wish to
Mama & Papa Harry**

Happy Valentine's Day
Dave, Sarah & Bill
Love,
Mom & Dad

Happy Valentine's Day
Aunt Betty
Love, Amanda,
Heather & Vanessa

SWEETIE, thanks for the
best year of my life. I'm glad
our paths crossed again. I
Love You, Mrs. Swiercz

Happy Valentine's Day
Charley & Noah
All My Love,
Mom

**Happy
Valentine's
Day Edna**

**Love, Mac
& Ray**

**Happy Valentine's
Day Grandma!**
We Love You!
Steve, Jamie, Bert,
Prancer, Homer &
Skippy

**I WILL ALWAYS
CHERISH** our life together.
Arnold. My love for you will
last forever! Love your
Valentine, Tracy

Mom & Dad Happy Valentine's Day!!
Love, Cindy, Pete, Kim, Dave, Ruth, Steve, Shelby & Bruce

Happy Valentine's Day
Steve, Jamie & Steve
I Love You All!
Dana (Mom)

M+N
I love you Honey!

Happy Valentine's Day
Dawn, John, Madison
& Justice!
Love, Meggie

**Happy Valentines
Day to our
sweet Danielle**
Love, Mom & Dad

**Happy
Valentine's Day**
Travis Pearl & Chelsea Van Nuck
Love, Grandma
& Grandpa Pearl

**Happy
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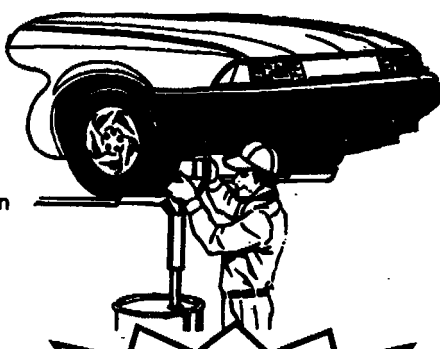
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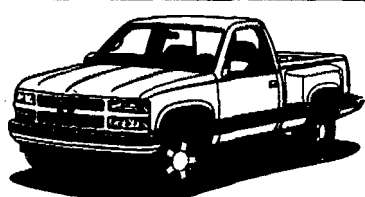
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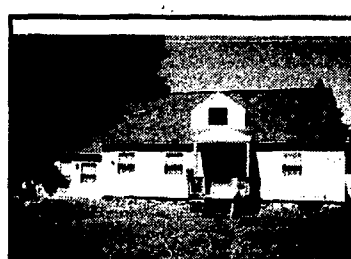
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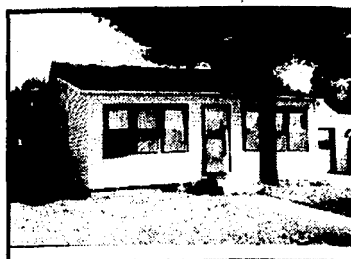
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Renovated three-bedroom, Two-Bathroom Home has a private dressing room, library, hardwood floors, full basement, 24x36 barn and an attached garage! Harrison area. \$79,900. #4165. Ask for Jim Wiltse!



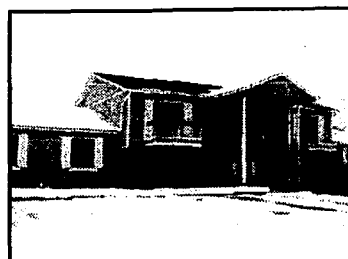
Enjoy Lake Margrethe from this three-bedroom saltbox home on a large corner lot. Featuring deeded canal access to Lake Margrethe, new roof in 1996, new utility room in 1994, and 16x22 storage shed. \$147,500. #4227. Ask for Jim Wiltse!



Nice Starter Home or rental investment. Home features two bedrooms, one bathroom, Michigan basement, and comes with stove and refrigerator. Newer siding, windows, well and septic. \$37,500 #4176. Ask for Jim Wiltse!



What a View! This mobile, located near Blue Lake, state land and snowmobile & RV trails, has it all to offer for that weekend getaway. This mobile has new well, septic, and priced to sell. \$32,000. #4217. Ask for Bob Pollack!



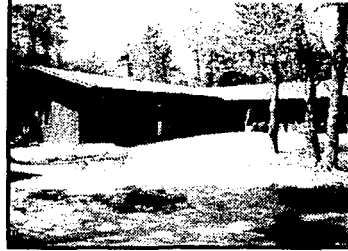
Excellent Income Property Currently 18 apartment units, fully rented, and the additional unit to be under construction March 1998. Each building has four 2-bedroom, two 1-bedroom apartments. Appliances included, general laundry in each building. No dual agency available. \$735,000. #4230. Ask for Debbie Bondar!



330 ft. on AuSable River & Canal Water View From Almost Every Room Quality-built ranch home also has exquisite master bath with step-up Jacuzzi bath, shower and ceramic tile. Large deck on river side, located off living room. \$123,900. #4103. Ask for Debbie Bondar



Great Location in Sherwood Forest Ideal floor plan has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, enclosed 11x18 back porch, large 8x24 breezeway leading to the 23x18 garage. Blacktop circle drive. \$55,900. #3986. Ask for Debbie Bondar!



On The Banks of the Manistee River Fantastic view from this spacious 2,000 sq. ft. home with three bedrooms, den, two baths, hot tub, fireplace, living and family room. Offering extras and quality throughout. \$137,500. #4056. Ask for Connie Winans!



Attractive Home Near Lake Margrethe Offers three bedrooms, two bathrooms, large living room, attached garage, all on a double lot. Some extras include covered porch, 30x24 garage with attic storage, cement driveway and more. \$73,900. #4190. Ask for Bob Pollack!



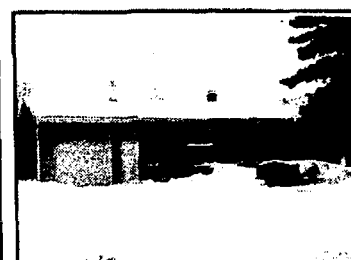
Located on Three Acres of hardwoods is this clean two-bedroom, two-bathroom home. 23x14 living room has a gas-log woodstove. Extras include two nice-size decks, 24x32 garage and the list goes on. \$58,500 #4189. Ask for Debbie Bondar!



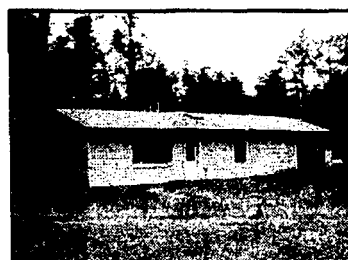
Beautiful 1,716 sq. ft., three-bedroom ranch has large master bedroom suite with walk-in closet and large master bathroom. Kitchen features tons of oak cabinets including two full-size pantries and snack bar. Satellite dish, privacy fence and large front deck, situated on a large double lot. \$75,000 #4225. Ask for Connie Winans!



City Home Located Close to the Middle School Built in 1994 is this three-bedroom, two bathroom home. Comes with all the appliances, a sliding glass door to back deck, and a covered front porch. \$57,500 #4089. Ask for Connie Winans!



This City Home has a great location, close to the hospital and schools! Home features newer vinyl siding and oak kitchen cabinets. Six foot high fenced-in back yard, full basement and more. \$56,500 #4231. Ask for Connie Winans!



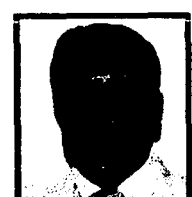
This Brand New, Two-Bedroom Home, built with the sportsman in mind, has attached drive-thru garage, completely finished price \$53,000. OR IF YOU WANT TO FINISH YOURSELF, \$45,000, includes septic, plumbing, hardware. Call for more details. #4222. Ask for John Kuzak!



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